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### Melhado vs. Crane & Rice.

Friday, Nov. 13.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Judge Shattuck, presiding. The examination of witnesses was as follows:

*Mr. C. E. Huse.*—I purchased on the morning of the 29th of October a copy of the Courier containing the article alluded to in complaint. Messrs. Crane & Rice are the publishers of the Courier. Myself, Gunter and Melhado claim lots under Colton Grants. Papers were handed to the witness by counsel and he was asked to explain what they were. *Witness*—These are the original grants under which we claim. I wrote one of the grants, the one to Northrop, on 23d Dec last. I have written a good many of the grants, for I was employed by Colton to assist him. *Cross Examined.*—The grant to Spear was applied for and executed at the same time. This was at the house of Colton. I think the name of Willis Spear is in paler ink than the other parts of the paper, but this may have been owing to its not being written at the same time; possibly I did not know how to spell the name and put it off till another time. I cannot remember every little incident connected with the issuing of these grants. The grant was not issued for my benefit. I do not know that the grant was issued on the day of its date. We commenced pile driving about the last of July. We were stopped by an injunction. After it had been dissolved we commenced again and our piles extended for 250 feet along the central wharf to the south of it. Some of the piles were driven on Sunday and some in the night. I think there was no other motive that influenced us but that we were told by our counsel that we must contend for our rights, and as it was not until late in the day before we got at it, we were compelled to go on. I did not think nor fear that the city would stop us if we attempted to put up a house, or drive piles in the day time. I do think the piles obstructed the navigation of vessels. I have known Melhado about a year and a half, and first conversed about this property in July last. I knew there was an ordinance of the city which reserved a basin on either side of the central wharf, and that I was acting against the laws of the Ayuntamiento, but I thought them illegal. I had no interest in the Spear grant when it was issued.

*Mr. Sylvera*—I was subscribing witness to the Northrop grant; it was executed by Colton.

*Geo. W. Torrance* sworn.—Crane & Rice are proprietors of the *Courier*—had no knowledge that they, Crane or Rice, had ever had any personal difficulty with Alfred Melhado; never heard them say anything against him.

Counsul for Plaintiff read *Courier*'s article, entitled "*Melhado* vs. *Crane and Rice*," avowing publication of the article headed "Robbing the City," alleged to be libellous,

*David Gillespie.*—I have conversed with F. W. Rice on the subject of pile driving and the Colton grants,. I told him that I believed the claim of Gunter and others had been shifted from place to place. That I had been told they had undertaken to drive piles between Davis and Front streets, but were frightened off by Col. Stevenson. And from appearances I thought they would drive more.

I told him that Mr. Folsom had in his possession a Colton grant, duly signed and sealed, but not filled out with name of granter, nor with description of lot grantee; that a certain gentleman told me he knew where there were *piles* of them. I said that the injunction got out against Melhado, Gunters and others was dissolved on a mere quibble; that the piles they had driven near Central Wharf were calculated to effect the public interests injuriously; that they were driven down in the night. I am wharfinger of Central Wharf; I think the first piles were driven about the 1st of August. There were eight or nine piles which were in the way of boats approaching the Central Wharf; they may have been driven on Sunday, for I did not discover them until Monday morning. I was absent on Sunday. These piles were most decidedly prejudicial to boats coming to the wharf. The blowing up of the "Saguanore" I think is proof of this. I pointed out to Mr. Rice the harm these piles were calculated to do—a line of them extending out from the Central Wharf.

*Cross-examination.*—I think it was about a week previous to the publication of the article in the "Courier," that I had this conversation. The injunction to which I alluded was the one in the District Court. Before this conversation with Mr. Rice, Col. Stevenson had told me that Gunter and others were going to drive piles on his lot.

*Judge Shepheard*—I have seen some fifteen or twenty of Colton's grants, signed and sealed, but with no location of the property fixed. Some time in February, 1850, George T. Sullivan asked me if I would sign a petition for a grant, and produced a paper, which I signed. A few months after I discovered that a grant had been made to me, dated Dec. 26, 1848. It is only by documentary evidence that I know this, for the grant has never been in my possession.

The counsel for plaintiff objected to this testimony, but the court said that any thing going to show the fraudulent nature of the "Colton grants" would be admitted.

The witness here stated that a suit had been brought by Geo. T. Sullivan against Colton before Judge Murray, and the receipts which were the foundation of the suit were brought in and read. They were receipts of G. Q. Colton for payment of money for grants, which were to be fully executed as soon as the injunction was removed.

*Witness*—I saw about nineteen of these skeleton Colton grants at Sullivan's office, and he was trying to get persons to sign petitions for these grants. This was between February and April, and Colton, I think, left on the 15th of June, 1849. He was arrested in the 8th. I do not think that there was an injunction to stop this granting of lots of Colton until after I had seen these blank grants.

*Col. J. D. Stevenson*—I was asked by Mr. Gunter if I did not know that in laying off a certain lot of mine, that I was on his land. He said he had it by right of a Colton grant. Spear told me the lots were his. Mr. Melhado told me that the city of San Francisco had robbed him and that he meant to get something from it in return.

*Cross Examined*—Gunter told me he claimed from Front to Davis street. It has cost me from $10,000 to $20,000 defending my property from these Colton grants. My wharf extends to Davis street.

*Capt. J. A. Folsom*—I have a skeleton grant. With regard to the basin reserved in the bay, I think it of decided public utility, and there has been much feeling about the interference with it. I am President of the Central Wharf Company, which was incorporated by the Legistive Assembly, and afterwards recognized by the Ayuntamiento.

Documents showing the organization of this Company were here introduced.

*Alfred Wheeler*, who was employed to report on the validity of the grants of city lots, testified that lots 37, 38 and 39 were granted to P. W. Shepheard.

*Mr. Burrit*—Had a skeleton grant, [which was read in court.]

At half-past five the court adjourned. The case will be further investigated on Monday next.

### LOST

ON Thursday afternoon, in State scrip, viz—
$600, date July 11th, 1850. No. 51.
$100, date Nov. 9th, 1850. No. 361.
$50, date Sept. 9th, 1850. No. 122.
Payment of the above scrip has been stopped at the State Treasury. A suitable reward will be paid on delivery of the same at BEDFORD & Co.'s Express office, corner of Kearny and Clay streets.

## SAN FRANCISCO PRICES CURRENT.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 1850

**Ashes**—Duty 20 per cent. ad val.—
Saleratus, per lb..... 12 *a* 14
Pots and pearls..... none
**Beeswax**—Duty 20 per cent. ad val—
Cuba, white..... — *a* 40
do brown..... 35 *a* 40
American, yellow..... nominal
**Bread**—Duty 30 per cent. ad val.—
Chili, brown, per lb..... none
American, pilot..... 11 *a* 12½
do navy..... 5 *a* 7
Crackers in wood..... nominal
do in tins..... 12½ *a* 14
**Boots and Shoes**—Duty 30 per cent.
Boots, men's light pegged, per doz..... 32 *a* 40
do do, heavy, pegged..... 45 *a* 50
do do do sewed..... 55 *a* 65
do do light do ..... 40 *a* —
Heavy gr'd boots, long... 120 *a* 130
do do short.. 80 *a* 100
Brogans, fine, sewed..... — *a* —
do heavy, pegged... 18 *a* 20
do sewed..... — *a* —
**Building Materials** (Lumber)—
Duty 20 per cent. ad val.—
American, pr cargo, afloat, assortec, planed on one side, per M..... 35 *a* 40
Tongued and grooved..... 50 *a* 60
Joist, 3x9 ..... 80 *a* 85
Scantling..... 70 *a* 76
Plank, 2 inch..... 50 *a* 60
do 3 do ..... — *a* 80
Shingles..... 7 *a* 8
Laths..... 2 50 *a* 3
Palings..... none
Sashes, 10x12..... 3 *a* —
do 8x10..... 2 60 *a* —
Houses..... less than freight
**Brick**—Duty 20 per cent. ad val—
American, afloat, pr cargo 18 *a* 21
California..... 15 *a* 20
English..... none
Face brick, landed..... 45 *a* 50
**Beans**—Duty 20 per cent. ad val—
Chili, per lb..... 10 *a* —
American..... — *a* —
Mexican..... — *a* —
**Coal**—Duty, 30 per cent. ad val—
English, per ton, afloat... 18 *a* 20
Cumberland..... 18 *a* 20
Pictou..... 14 *a* —
Sydney..... 13 *a* —
Anthracite (dull)..... 17 *a* —
**Candles**—Duty 2 per cent. ad val—
Sperm, per lb..... 60 *a* —
Adamantine..... 45 *a* 55
Hull's patent..... 85 *a* 88
Tallow..... 15 *a* 17
**Coffee**—Duty, in American vessels, from place of growth, free; the growth and production of the Netherlands, imported thence, free. All other 20 per cent ad val—
Java, per lb..... none
Rio..... 21 *a* 25
Manilla..... — *a* —
Sandwich Islands..... — *a* —
Realejo..... 18 *a* 20
Ground..... 25 *a* 40
**Chocolate**—Duty 20 per cent ad val—
American, sweet, per lb.. 20 *a* 23
Spanish..... 25 *a* 30
**Cocoa**—Duty 10 per cent ad val—
Guayaquil, per lb..... — *a* —
Para..... — *a* —
St. Domingo..... — *a* —
**Cordage**—Duty 25 per cent—
American, tarred, per lb.. 40 *a* 50
Manila, large..... — *a* 25
do small..... 25 *a* 30
**Dry Goods**—
Brown shirtings, 3-4..... 7 *a* 8
do do 4-4..... 8 *a* 9
White do ..... 12 *a* 15
Muslins, Jaconet..... 15 *a* 25
do book, ps 10 yds.. 3 *a* —
Prints, ord..... 8 *a* —
do fine..... 14 *a* 17
do black and white... 22 *a* 15
do two blue..... 12½ *a* —
do shirtine plate..... 14 *a* —
Hose, men's white..... 2 *a* 4
York stripes..... 19 *a* —
Osnaburgh..... 10 *a* 15
Cot wicking, per lb..... 18 *a* 20
Denims American..... 16 *a* —
Drills, white..... 12 *a* —
do blue..... 11 *a* 12½
do brown ..... 9 *a* 10
Bed ticks..... 16 *a* 20
Shirts, calico..... 18 *a* 18
do hickory..... 8 *a* 9
Velvesteens..... 35 *a* 37½
Drawers, cotton..... 12 *a* 15
Sewing cotton, per gross.. 3 *a* 3 50
Carpeting, Brussels..... 2 50 *a* 3
do Kidderminster 1 *a* 1 50
Mouslin delaine..... 20 *a* 37
Blankets, white..... 5 *a* 9
do colored..... 5 *a* 8
Russia sheetine..... 12 *a* 25
**Drugs and Medicines**—Duty, 20 per cent—
Alcohol, per gal..... — *a* 1 50
Aloes, Cape, per lb..... 6 *a* —
Alum, per lb..... 4 *a* 5
Arrowroot, per lb..... 8 *a* 10
Arsenic, powd'd, per lb.. 6 *a* 7
Balsam copavin, (dull).. 40 *a* 50
Brimstone, roll, per lb.. 12 *a* 15
Camphor, refined..... 25 *a* 30
Carb of ammonia..... 37½ *a* —
Soda, super carb..... 6 *a* 8
Castor oil, No. 1, pr doz, quart..... 8 *a* 10
Cream tarter, per lb..... 18 *a* 20
Cubebs..... nominal
Epsom salts, per lb..... 1½ *a* 2
Gum arabic, sorts..... 30 *a* 35
do do picked..... 40 *a* 55
do myrrh, E. I..... nominal
do do Turkey..... do
do Tragacanth, spirits do do picked..... none
Ipecac, pulv ..... 90 *a* 1
Jalap..... 1 10 *a* 1 15
Nutgalls..... no demnd
Oil lemon..... 1 75 *a* 2
Oil peppermint..... 2 *a* 2 25
Opium, Turkey..... 4 *a* 4 50
Quicksilver..... — *a* —
Rhubarb, E I..... 1 *a* 1 25
Senna, (dull)..... 34 *a* —
Quinine, per oz..... 3 *a* 3 50
Gum arabic, per lb..... — *a* —
Glue..... — *a* —
Cholagogue, Osgood's.. 16 *a* 18
Lexipyreta, Devotion's, fever and ague remedy.. 18 *a* 20
Mrs. Kidders' cordial.... 6 *a* 7
Tarrant's elixir rhubarb.. 15 *a* 17
do Seltzer aperient do 16 *a* 18
Sarsaparilla, Sand's, per doz..... 10 *a* —
do Bristol's..... no dm'd
do Townsend's.... 8 *a* 10
**Feathers**—Duty, 20 per cent ad val—
Live geese, per lb..... — *a* —
**Flour Meal**—Duty, 25 per cent ad valorem—
Chili, 200 lb sacks..... 17 *a* 18
do 100 do ..... 8 75 *a* 9 25
do 50 do ..... — *a* 5
Australian, per sack.... — *a* 16
American, per bbl..... 17 *a* 18
Buckwheat, prime, pr bbl 11 *a* 12 50
Corn meal, sweet, per bbl 9 *a* 14
do per hf bbl.... 7 50 *a* 8
**Fish**—Duty, 25 per cent ad val—
Salmon, Oregon, pickled, per bbl..... 25 *a* 30
Mackerel, No 1..... 15 *a* 18
do No 2..... 11 *a* 13
do No 1, hf bbl... 8 *a* 10
do No 2, do ... 7 *a* 7 50
do No 1, kitts.... 3 *a* 3 50
Codfish, per bbl..... 4 *a* 5
Herrings..... — *a* —
Sardines, whole boxes, per doz..... 15 *a* 16
do hf boxes..... 8 *a* 10
do qr do ..... — *a* —
**Fruits**—Duty, oranges, lemons and green fruit, 20 per cent; nuts of all kinds, 30 per cent; preserved fruit, sweetmeats and dried fruit of all kinds, 40 per cent ad val—
Raisins, per box 25 lbs.... 6 *a* 7 50
do muscatel..... — *a* —
Currants, per lb..... 8 *a* 10
Dried apples..... 15 *a* 15
do peaches, clean..... 11 *a* 13
do do stones..... 5 *a* 8
do cherries..... — *a* —
Figs, Turkey, (dull)..... 18 *a* 20
do Chili..... *a* —
Almonds..... — *a* —
do soft shell, scarce.. — *a* —
Lemons, per hundred.... — *a* —
Oranges, S I..... 8 *a* 9
Brandy fruits, per doz... 10 *a* 12
Lemon syrup, per doz... 4 50 *a* 5
Ginger, Canton..... none
Lime juice..... — *a* —
**Grain**—Duty, 30 per cent ad val—
Barley, per lb..... 4½ *a* 5 ½
Oats..... 4½ *a* 5
Corn..... 4 *a* 5
**Hay**—
California, per ton..... 70 *a* 75
Sandwich Islands..... none
Australian..... 30 *a* 40
American..... — *a* —
**Honey**—Duty, 30 per cent ad val—
American, per lb..... 20 *a* 25
Australian..... — *a* —
**Iron**—Duty, 30 per cent ad val—
English bar, 1¼ x ¼ to 2x½..... 8 *a* 10
American bar, per lb.... — *a* —
do sheet..... — *a* —
Galvanized sheet..... — *a* —
**Lime**—Duty, 10 per cent ad val—
Thomaston, per bbl..... 2 *a* 2 50
Cement..... 2 *a* 3
**Linen Goods**—Duty, 20 per cent on all manufactures, unless otherspecified—
Ravens' duck, light, per ps — *a* —
do do heavy..... — *a* —
Diapers, Russia..... — *a* —
**Lead**—Duty, 20 per cent ad val—
Pig, per lb..... 6 *a* 7
Bar..... 7 *a* 9
Pipe..... — *a* —
**Liquors**—Duty, 100 per cent—
Brandy, J J. Dupuy, per gal..... 2 *a* 3
Otard, Dupuy & Co.. 2 25 *a* 3 25
Ordinary..... 1 50 *a* 1 75
In cases, per doz.... 5 50 *a* 10
Cider, Jersey, per bbl. 10 *a* —
Gin, Swan, per gal..... 1 75 *a* 1 87
New York..... 1 50 *a* —
In cases, per doz.... 4 *a* 6
Rum, Jamaica, per gal. 1 *a* —
New England..... 1 *a* —
St. Crox..... 1 *a* 1 12
Whiskey, Monongahela, per gal..... 1 75 *a* 2 25
Old rye..... 1 75 *a* 2 00
Irish and Scotch.... 2 50 *a* 3
**Malt Liquors**—Duty, 30 per cent—
American d'glit, per bbl 20 *a* 25
English do ..... 16 *a* 20
Porter, London, per doz 5 50 *a* 6
do Philadelphia..... 3 50 *a* —
Ale, Philadelphia..... 3 *a* 3 50
do Byass..... 3 50 *a* 4
Tennents..... 3 75 *a* 4 25
Marzetti's..... 3 50 *a* 4
**Molasses**—
New Orleans, per gal.... 1 *a* 1 20
Sugar house..... 1 25 *a* 1 50
Sandwich Island..... 1 *a* 1 20
California syrup..... 1 40 *a* 1 60
Stuart's syrup..... 1 40 *a* 1 50
W I Syrup..... — *a* —
**Nails**—Duty, copper 20; iron 30 per cent. ad val—
Cut, assorted, per lb.... 5 *a* 7
Wrought..... — *a* —
Copper..... — *a* —
**Naval Stores**—Duty, 20 per cent—
Spirits turpentine, per gal 40 *a* 50
Varnish, bright..... 25 *a* 30
Tar, per bbl, (nominal).. 2 50 *a* 3
Pitch..... 4 *a* 5
Rosin..... 3 *a* 4
Oakum, per lb, (dull).... 4 *a* 5
Oars, per foot..... 9 *a* 10
**Oils**—Duty, palm 10; olive 30; linseed, sperm, (foreign fisheries) and whale, of all other fisheries, (foreigbn) 20 per cent ad val—
Sperm, per gal..... 2 *a* 2 25
Whale..... 1 *a* 1 10
do refined..... — *a* —
Lard..... 1 50 *a* 1 75
Cocoanut..... — *a* —
Olive..... — *a* —
do in bottles, per doz.. 5 *a* 6
Linseed, per gal..... 1 *a* 1 80
**Paints**—Duty, 20 per cent on white lead—
White lead, pure, per lb 10 *a* 12¼
Red lead do ..... 12½ *a* 15
Fancy colors..... 7 *a* 30
Litharge..... 10 *a* 11
Whiting..... 3 *a* 4
Chalk, white..... 2 *a* 3
do red..... 7 *a* —
Putty, in bladders.... 4 *a* 6
Fire paint, dry..... 4 *a* 5
**Provisions**—Duty, cheese and potatoes 20; others 20 pr ct ad val—
Beef, mess, per bbl..... 17 *a* 19
do prime do ..... — *a* —
Pork, mess do ..... 22 *a* 24
do do per hf bbl.... 12 50 *a* 13
do clear, per bbl..... 27 *a* —
do prime do ..... 12 *a* 14
Lard in wood, per lb..... 14 *a* —
do in tin, refined..... 14 *a* —
Hams..... 15 *a* —
do sugar cured..... 18 *a* —
Bacon..... — *a* —
Beef, smoked..... 12 *a* —
Butter, Goshen, prime... 40 *a* —
do Oregon..... — *a* —
do California..... — *a* —
Cheese, American..... 25 *a* —
do English..... — *a* —
Potatoes..... 8 *a* —
Onions..... 25 *a* —
Pickles, in wood, per gal.. 90 *a* 1
do in jars, qts, per doz 3 50 *a* —
do do hf gal do 4 50 *a* —
**Rice**—Duty, 20 per cent ad val—
Carolina, per lb..... 10 *a* 12
Manilla..... 5 *a* 7
China..... 5 *a* 7
**Salt**—Duty, 20 per cent ad val—
Liverpool, per sack..... — *a* —
American, 20 lb sacks.... 45 *a* 50
**Soap**—Duty, 30 per cent ad val—
American, yellow, per lb.. 10 *a* 11
Castile..... 12 *a* 15
**Sugar**—Duty, all kinds, raw and refined, 30 per cent ad val—
Brown, per lb..... 7 *a* 10
White, prime..... 12 *a* 14
Loaf..... 16 *a* —
Crushed..... 15 *a* —
Manila..... 7 *a* 10
Sandwich Island..... — *a* —
**Spices**—Duty, pepper 30; all other 40 per cent ad val—
Cassia, ground, per lb... 40 *a* 45
Race ginger, ground.... 22 *a* 25
Mace..... — *a* —
Nutmeg..... 1 75 *a* 2
Cloves..... — *a* —
Pepper..... 19 *a* 22
do ground..... 35 *a* 45
Mustard..... 4 50 *a* 6
**Segars**—Duty, 40 per cent ad val—
American, common, per M 10 *a* 12
Havana, regalia..... 80 *a* 70
do good quality..... 25 *a* 35
Cheroots, Manila..... 18 *a* 20
do China..... — *a* —
**Steel**—Duty, cast, shear and German 15; all other 20 per cent ad val—
American, per lb..... — *a* —
English..... 18 *a* 22
German..... 12 *a* 15
**Tobacco**—Duty, leaf and unmanufactured 30; manufactured 40 per cent ad val—
Ordinary, per lb..... no sale
Va. leaf, in bales..... 20 *a* 30
Fine ent, lb cans..... 55 *a* —
do papers per gross 1 50 *a* 2 50
Grape brand, per lb..... 40 *a* 50
Fives and Eighths..... — *a* —
**Teas**—Duty, teas of all kinds imported from China or other places east of Cape of Good Hope, and in American vessels, free; other teas, 20 per cent ad val—
Green, per lb..... 1 45 *a* 1 85
Black..... 1 10 *a* 1 50
**Vinegar**—Duty, 30 per cent ad val—
Cider, good, per gal..... 45 *a* 50
**Wines**—Duty, 40 per cent ad val—
Madeira, per gal..... 1 *a* 1 25
do cases..... 4 50 *a* 9
Sherry, per gal..... 1 25 *a* 1 25
do cases..... 5 *a* 9
Port, pure, per gal..... none
do imitation..... 1 50 *a* 1 75
do cases..... 5 *a* 10
Muscatel..... — *a* —
Dry Malaga, per gal..... 60 *a* 70
Sweet do ..... 65 *a* 75
Claret, per hhd..... 70 *a* 85
do 30 gal casks..... 25 *a* 28
do per doz..... 4 50 *a* 5 50
Champagne, Cliquot..... 15 *a* 16
do De Brimont..... 19 *a* 20
do Heidsick ..... 22 *a* 25
do Anchor..... 16 *a* 18
do Russian Eagle. 15 *a* 16
do ordinary brand. 10 *a* 12
do cider..... 3 *a* 3 50
Cherry cordial..... 9 *a* 12
Hock..... 12 *a* 20
do sparkling..... 15 *a* 20
Sauterne..... 5 *a* 6
**Zinc**—Duty, sheet 15; pig 5 per cent ad valorem—
Sheet, per lb, (dull)..... 5 *a* 6
Pig..... no sale

**Domestic Exchange.**

On New York, sight.....par
Boston " ..... "
Philadelphia " ..... "
New Orleans " ..... "

**Foreign Exchange.**

On England, sight.....48*a*49d for $
" 60 days.....49*a*50d "
France, sight.....5f*a*$
do 60 days..... —
Hamburg, sight.....43*a*44 for $
do 60 days.....44*a*44½ "
Valparaiso, 30 days..6 pr gt. prem.
Mexico, 30 days....par *a* 1 "

**Stocks.**

State loan, 3 pr ct per mo int.. 75*a*85
City scrip, sec'd by taxes..... 75*a*90
" " city property. 40*a*50
County scrip..... 85*a*90
State warrants, no interest, receivee for taxes..... 70*a*80

**Value of Gold.**

Gold dust, per oz.....$16 *a* 16 25
" (quicksilver... 15 *a* 15 50
Doubloons..... 16 *a* —
Sovereigns..... 4 85 *a* —
20 franc pieces..... 4 *a* —
Custom house..... 3 85 *a* —
10 guilder pieces..... 4 *a* —
10 thaler ..... 8 *a* —

**Value of Silver.**

Spanish dollar.....$1
Mexican " ..... 1
Peruvian " ..... 1
Chilian " ..... 1
Five franc pieces..... 95


### UNION HOTEL.

UNDER the management of ISAAC M. HALL—This establishment, situated on Portsmouth Square, San Francisco, State of California, will be opened for the reception of guests on Thursday, the 7th of November, instant, under the management of ISAAC M. HALL, late of the Eagle Hotel, Rochester, New York. The building has been erected within the last three months; built of brick, entirely fire-proof, five stories high, fronting on Portsmouth Square, 30 feet, and extending back 160 feet on Merchant street. There are 100 rooms, all finished in the most substantial manner, lathed and plastered, and hard finished walls. Each room is furnished with a stove and other bedroom furniture complete; bells are fitted up, communicating with the office from each room. The Dining room will accommodate 150 persons, and the public may safely confide in the well known talent of Mr. Hall to make this department one of the most inviting of the house. All the delicacies of the season will be found on the table, and the wines the best the market affords. The proprietors confidently entertain the hope that this enterprise, involving at least $150,000, will meet its due appreciation by the public, and that the effort on our part to present a Hotel where every comfort afforded in hotels in the Atlantic States may be found, will meet the reward of public patronage.

A. A. SELOVER,
JOHN MIDDLETON, } Proprietors.
E. V. JOICE,

San Francisco, Nov. 5, 1850. n6 tf

### GUADALUPE MINING COMPANY.

A FEW SHARES may be had on advantageous terms in this flourishing company, by applying before the 25th inst. at the office of Weller & Jones, Pacific street, opposite City Hall. The company will commence extracting mercury with a new and much improved apparatus, in the course of a month; and the yield and quality of ore is such as to make this one of the safest and most profitable investments. Warranty deeds given. Terms cash. n20

### BOARDING.

MRS. GRAHAM'S SELECT BOARDING House, corner of Broadway and Dupont streets, San Francisco.

Mrs. G. having enlarged her house since the grading and planking of Dupont street, is prepared to accommodate a much larger number of boarders than heretofore, and will endeavor to make the inmates of her house AT HOME.

☞ Gentlemen doing business down town will find this a pleasant location, the streets being graded and planked past the house. n15tf

### PICKED UP ADRIFT.

THE SCHOONER CHESAPEAKE.—The owner or owners of said vessel are requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take her away, otherwise she will be disposed of according to law. Apply to

WM. BENTON,
On board brig Ganges, foot of Pacific st. n21

### LOOK AT THIS, EMIGRANTS AND OTHERS!

300 FAMILIES WANTED, WHO WISH Homes. Having completed my survey in the southern part of the city of San Jose, in all 900 lots, 25 by 47½ varas, and being desirous to have improvements go on rapidly, I propose to give 300 lots to settlers who will build a neat, suitable house on each lot, and fence the same.

I have also over 100 lots, 50 varas square, in the Old Survey of the city, which I will sell low, and give time on part. The lots I own in the Old and New Surveys of the city are decidedly the best locations for buildings, being high and dry, and never subject to overflow; with the very best mountain water, obtained at the depth of 12 to 14 feet.

I think lumber shippers would do well to call and take a look at my lots. I will give them lots to build houses on, or will exchange lots for lumber of all kinds, or houses.

THE VALLEY.—We have a greater number of acres equal to the best Illinois land, than can be seen anwherenorth or east of us, in California; and the grain growing portions of the world, so far as I am acquainted, cannot equal us in producing wheat, both in quality and quantity: 60 bushels have been raised to the acre, and there can be seen now in the fields and gardens of our farmers, as fine crops as a majority of the States can produce at and vegetables of all kinds in abundance growing, and that too, without rain or watering.

CLIMATE AND HEALTH—Listen now: The average summer heat is 75 to 80 degrees, with cool nights; no musquitoes, day or night; no fever and ague, and no disease peculiar to the valley or town, winter or summer. We have some of the first settlers living with us yet, over 100 years of age, and one in particular, over 110, sound in body and in mind. We have had but one death out of the immigration of 1846, an old gentleman who was broken down with disease before he came to our city.

THE MORALS of our city and vicinity will, I make no doubt, compare with those of the best of our neighboring cities and towns. We are a law-abiding and a law-supporting people, and have our churches and schools as well as others.

Persons wishing lots will apply soon, to the subscriber, in the south end of the city.

JAMES F. REED.
City San Jose, Aug. 4, 1850. n4 tf

SAVING TO STOREKEEPERS and Restaurants.—Green coffee sent into the Java House roasted and ground, packed and delivered. McCORMACK & CO.
n11 Tea Dealers and Coffee Roasters, 244 Mont'y st.


## CITY ORDINANCES.

### AN ORDINANCE,

**Organizing a Board of Health.**

*The People of the City of San Francisco do ordain as follows:*

§1. There shall be a *Board of Health* in and for the city of San Francisco, of which the Mayor, by right of office, shall be *President*, and the members of which shall, from time to time, be appointed by the common council of the city.

§2. In case the Mayor, from any cause, shall be unable to attend to the discharge of his duties as a health officer, the Board of Health may choose one of their own number as President, who shall possess the powers, and perform the duties of the Mayor, in this respect.

§3. In addition to the Mayor, the Board of Health shall consist of eight members, to be selected as follows, to wit: one from the Board of Aldermen, one from the Board of Assistant Aldermen, *three* from the citizens of the city, and *three* from the *medical men* of the city, who are *citizens.*

§4. The Board of Health shall have power, whenever in their judgment the public health shall require it, to *order any* vessel at the wharves of the city, or in its vicinity, (except vessels of war of the United States,) to the quarantine ground, or other place of safety, and may require all articles or things landed or introduced into the city from such vessel, to be seized and returned on board, or removed to the *quarantine* ground.

In case the master, owner, or consignee of the vessel shall refuse or neglect to obey the order of removal, the Mayor or the Board of Health shall have power to remove the vessel at the expense of said master, owner or consignee.

2. The Board of Health shall have the power to require the removal of all persons landed or introduced into the city from any vessel, at the wharves or in the vicinity of the city, whenever in their judgment the public health requires it.

No vessel or person so ordered out, shall return to the city without a written permit of the Board of Health, or the Mayor.

3. The Board of Health shall have power to direct the cleansing and fumigation of any vessel and its cargo in the port of San Francisco, and the destruction of any bedding, clothing, or portion of cargo of said vessel that they may deem infected and likely to spread disease in the city.

4. The Board of Health shall have power to cause to be thrown overboard or destroyed, any portion of the cargo of any vessel in the port of San Francisco, that may be in a decayed or injured condition, and likely on these accounts to produce disease.

5. The Board of Health shall have power to prevent communication between any vessel ordered into quarantine, and the city, except under such regulations as the said Board may establish

6. The Board of Health shall have power to appoint from time to time, as many health inspectors, and other officers to carry into effect the provisions of this ordinance, and the rules and regulations of the Board as they may deem necessary.

7. The Board of Health shall have power to authorise such officers to enter into and examine, in the day time, all vessels in the port, except vessels of war, and all buildings, lots, and places of every description, within the city, and to ascertain and report to the Board, the condition thereof, so far as the public health may be affected thereby.

8. The Board of Health shall have power to give all such direction, and adopt all such measures as in their judgment may be necessary for cleansing and purifying all such buildings, lots, and other places, and to do or cause to be done, everything in relation thereto, which in their opinion may be proper to preserve the health of the city.

9. The Board of Health shall have power to adopt prompt measures to prevent the spreading of a contagious disease by forbidding all communication with the house or family so affected, except such as may be necessary for the medical care and provisions for the same, to cause those sick with such disease to be removed to places provided therefor, and to exercise such other authority, when a contagious disease shall appear in the city, as in their judgment the circumstances of the case, and the public good shall require.

10. The Board of Health shall have power, by and with the consent of the Common Council, to provide hospital buildings and the necessary supplies therefor, in as many places as in their judgment may be necessary, whenever an epidemic disease shall prevail in the city, and appoint to the same physicians, as many as may be necessary, and nurses and such other attendants as are deemed by said Board advisable.

§5. Compensation for the health inspectors, physicians and others, appointed by the Board of Health, under the provisions of section 4 of this ordinance, shall be fixed by the Common Council, upon recommendation of the Board of Health.

§6. The expenses incurred from carrying out the provisions of section 4 of this ordinance, shall be paid by the persons or property removed, or by the property subjected to sanitary regulations in other respects, or by the city, as in the judgment of the Board of Health may in each case be deemed just and reasonable.

§7. It shall be the duty of each physician in the city of San Francisco, to report to the Board of Health, in writing, every patient he shall have laboring malignant or contagious fever, or the *Asiatic Cholera*, within twenty-four hours after he shall be satisfied of the nature of the disease, and to report to the same Board every case of death from such disease, within twenty-four hours after they shall have occurred.

§8. It shall be the duty of every person keeping a boarding or lodging house in the City of San Francisco, to report in writing, to the Board of Health, the name of every person boarding or lodging at his house, whom he shall have reason to believe to be sick with any malignant or contagious fever, or with the cholera, and any deaths occurring at his house, from such disease.

§9. Every master, owner, or consignee of a vessel lying at a wharf, or in the harbor of San Francisco, shall make a like report, and within the same time.

§10. Every person who shall violate the provisions of sections 7th, 8th and 9th, of this ordinance, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed *ten days*, at the discretion of the Court; and every person who shall refuse or neglect to obey any order or regulation made by the Board of Health, in the exercise of the powers conferred in this ordinance, shall be fined in a sum not to exceed five hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed *ten* days, at the discretion of the Court.

§11. The City Physicians shall visit and examine, and make report in writing, to the Board of Health, of all such cases of malignant or contagious fever, or of Asiatic Cholera, as the Board may direct.

§12. The Board of Health shall cause to be prosecuted before the Recorder of the city all such cases of violation of the sections 7th, 8th and 9th of this ordinance, and all cases of refusal or neglect to obey the orders and regulations of the Board, made in the exercise of the powers conferred in this ordinance, and all fines imposed and collected under this ordinance, shall be appropriated to the support of the City Hospital.

W. W. GREENE,
Bresident of the Board of Aldermen.
A. BARTOL,
President of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.
Approved November 5th, 1850.
JNO. W. GEARY, Mayor.
Mayor's Office.
San Francisco, Nov. 5th, 1850. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original ordinance now on file in this office.
n6 JAMES BOWMAN, Clerk.

### ORDINANCE

UTHAORIZING THE DIVISION OF THE CITY INTO WARDS.

*The People of the city of San Francisco do ordain as follows:*

§1. That the city of San Francisco shall be divided into eight wards, designated by number, with the following boundaries, viz:

§2. Ward *Number One*, shall include all that portion situated east of a line running through the center of Stockton street, and north of a line running through the center of Jackson street.

§3. Ward *Number Two*, shall include all that portion situated west of the said line in Stockton street, and north of the aforesaid line in Jackson street.

§4. Ward *Number Teree*, shall include all that portion situated east of a line running through the center of Kearny street, and between the said line in Jackson street and a line running through the center of Sacramento street.

§5. Ward *Number Four*, shall include all that portion situated west of the said line in Kearny street, and between the aforesaid line in Sacramento and Jackson streets.

§6. Ward *Number Five*, shall include all that portion situated between the intersection of Sacramento and Market streets, and between the said line in Sacramento street, and a line running through the center of Market street.

§7. Ward *Number Six*, shall include all that portion situated west of said line in Kearny street, and between the aforesaid line in Sacramento and Market streets.

§8. Ward *Number Seven*, shall include all that portion situated south and east of said line in Market street, and east of a line running through the center of Fourth street.

§9. Ward *Number Eight*, shall include all that portion situated east of the said line in Fonrth st., and south and east of the said line in Market st.

WM. GREENE, Pres't Board Ald.
A. BARTOL, Pres't Board Ass't Ald.
Approved, Nov. 5, 1850.
JOHN W. GEARY, Mayor.
Mayor's Office.
San Francisco, Nov. 5, 1850. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original ordinance now in file in this ofice.
nov12 JAMES BOWMAN, Clerck.

### ORDINANCE

RELEASING JOHN W. GEARY FROM JUDGMENTS OBTAINED AGAINST HIM IN HIS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, WHILST ACTING IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS FIRST ALCALDE.

*The People of the city of San Francisco do ordain as follows:*

§1. That the city of San Francisco assume the judgment in the case of E. D. Heatly and others, *vs.* John W. Geary, which has been obtained him in his individual capacity, for the sum of two thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars, for damages alleged to have accrued to them by the destruction of a house, &c., belonging to plaintiffs, by the order of said Geary defendant whilst in the discharge of his duty as first Alcalde at the conflagration on the 24th of December 1849

§2. That the city of San Francisco assume the judgment in the case of Soroco & Brothers *vs.* John W. Geary, which has been obtained against him in his individual capacity for the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars, for damages alleged to have accrued to

# DAILY PACIFIC NEWS.

MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 16, 1850.



AGENTS FOR THE PACIFIC NEWS.

Sacramento City.....Col. Joseph Grant.
San Jose.....D. H. Mason.
Benicia.....C. M. Davis.
New-York.....Thompson & Hitchcock.

☞ AGENTS WANTED in every City, Town and Village, to whom liberal advantages will be given. Orders for the PACIFIC NEWS will be duly attended to, if addressed to us post paid, and enclosing the cash.

☞ The WEEKLY PACIFIC NEWS will be re-commenced as soon as necessary arrangements can be completed. A STEAMER EDITION will be issued semi-monthly, on the sailing of each Mail Steamer.



**Book and Job Printing.**

Cards, Checks, Circulars, Catalogues, Handbills, and every description of Printing, can now be executed at the Pacific News Office, Montgomery street, next door to Cronin & Markley's, in the best style of the Art, and with the utmost dispatch.

☞ The receipt of a *heavy additional invoice* of new and Fancy Types, of the latest patterns, by the steamer New Orleans, enables us to fill the orders of our friends in every variety of style, at the sh rte t notice. Ship and Steamboat Bills got up in elegant shape.


**Removal of the Pacific News.**

We would notify our friends and the public, that the Publication, Printing and Editorial Offices of the *Pacific News* have been removed to the building of Cronin & Markley, Montgomery street, (next to Delmonico's,) where we hope to receive the calls of all our old friends, and to merit the confidence of a host of new ones.

☞ Our **Publication Office** is now in the *new room* next door to Cronin & Markley's, being in the most convenient and central part of the city.

☞ The Editorial and Printing Rooms are in the third story of the same building, where our political and business friends will always receive a cordial welcome.

**The San Francisco Post-Office,—Mail Communication with the States.**

The mail communications between this distant point of what has been called the "New World," and every extreme corner of the older States, have now become so intimate and frequent, that the homes we have left are brought almost within our reach. California is no longer regarded as in a measure "out of the world," but is becoming every day more important in a business and commercial point of view, and consequently as trade increases, invoices sent, and the money returned therefor, we shall be regarded at home, as we are in fact, but a pleasure trip distant from the great commercial depots of the Atlantic cities.

Between San Francisco and the older States there is now a regular semi-monthly mail communication, running with a regularity that is really a matter of especial wonder, when all the difficulties in establishing such an extended line are taken into view. The amount of mail matter received here by each steamer is probably greater than is put into any one office, in a single day, on the face of the globe. For instance, by the last steamer, a week since, something like *fifty thousand* papers were received at the post-office in this city, including those sent to the newspaper dealers, and for which the same postage was charged as upon a single paper. At the same time there were over *twenty thousand* letters received and distributed here, and for other points in California. By a recent post-office regulation, San Francisco is the only distributing office in California, and all the mail matter must be handled over and properly assorted in this office, making an almost incredible amount of labor, and giving constant employment to thirteen clerks.

Taking the number of papers received by the last mail, as the average of each mail for the year—and it will go over rather than under that—with two mails per month, or twenty-four per year, and the number of papers passing through the San Francisco Postoffice will amount to 1,200,000, and the number of letters 480,000. This estimate is based upon the present receipts, which, one year hence, will be nearly doubled. The postage upon each paper, if sent from New York, is three cents; upon each inland paper, four cents. But suppose the postage average three and a half cents, and the receipts of the department for newspapers *alone*, from this point, supposing all to be taken and paid for, would be $42,000; and upon letters, at a low estimate of the number, $192,000; the aggregate making the receipts nearly *one quarter of a million* dollars per annum.

But the enormous rates of Postage is a serious drawback to the still more frequent and extended correspondence, and demands, and should receive the *immediate* attention of Congress. There is no reason why we should be taxed so heavily for the transmission of letters and papers, and Californians should put forth one united voice in opposition to these onerous exactions. Our Senators and Representatives in Congress will be wanting in duty to their constituents if they do not move *at once* in the matter of a reduction of postage upon letters.

The number of papers sent to the States, by each steamer, will average perhaps 15,000, and the number of letters 25,000 to 30,000, thus putting money in the purse of Government at both ends of the route. In these estimates no allowance is made for the large number of letters that pass through to Oregon, which is no very inconsiderable amount. The mails from the States, made up for California, concentrate at four points—New York, New Orleans, Charleston and Savannah, and through one of these offices, all mail matter must pass on its way hither, no matter from what point in the Atlantic States it starts on its mission to the Golden Gate of the Pacific.

When the tide of emigration first set so strongly to California, the early immigrants were satisfied with an *occasional* mail. One letter answered for a season. As matters became more settled, and assumed a business shape, a monthy communication was demanded, and promptly awarded, and the tide of public opinion has now compelled the regular transmission of the mail *twice a month* between this point and the Atlantic. Nor will the same restless controlling sentiment be content with this arrangement for any great length of time. Progress has marked every step in the history of California, and nothing connected with her will go *backward*. Before a twelve-month shall have rolled around, a *semi-monthly* mail will give place to a *weekly*, and we shall discuss our coffee and our orrespondence from the States as regularly each week as the sun of the seventh day in the calendar beams upon us.

This is no visionary matter. The history of the past more than warrants these profecies of the future. Already, steamboats of immense power are on their way to the Pacific. By July next, the railroad will have been constructed from Panama to the Chagres River, and instead of four or five days being consumed in crossing the Isthmus, the transit will be made in *one day*. From New York to Chagres will require but eight days; one day added for the transit to Panama; twelve days upon this side—which will be easily accomplished by the vessels alluded to, on their way hither—and we have dates from New York in *twenty-one days!*

Judge us not visionary by such allusions and prophecies. Thousands who read this article, who are now in California "only for a day," exerting every nerve to secure a competence with which to return to their families, will remain here long enough to see these prophecies take life and shape, and become realities, attracting as little attention as does the arrival and departure of a steamer at the Golden Gate of our beautiful harbor.

**From the Sandwich Islands.**

Dates from Honolulu to the 23d of Nov., were received yesterday.

The appearance of the Cholera here, had alarmed the people not a little as to their own safety. One of the King's Ministers had made a report on the subject, which is an able one, in which he expresses the opinion that the purity of the air at the Islands will entirely prevent a visitation of the cholera.

One of the natives was fined $100 for selling liquor to one of his countrymen. A righteous example, truly!

The anniversary of the Queen of Spain was celebrated on the 19th ult. The *Polynesian* has the following items:

During a severe blow a few days since, a small schooner called the Kaipolia, owned by Gov. Kekuanaoa, of Oahu, was struck by a squall off Lanai, and capsized. The people on board pulled off in their boat to another vessel which was near, and just as they got alongside, the latter vessel was dismasted. The name of this vessel we have not been able to learn. No lives were lost, but the Governor's vessel drifted off to leeward.

An attempt to raise an insurrection by the Chief of Nukahima, and to put the commandant and French garrison to death, had been recently reported to the authorities at Tahiti. A vessel of war was to be immediately despatched to bring the Chief to Tahiti, in irons.

Business is reported as dull at the Society Islands, and nothing worthy of especial note is reported by the Corsair, which left there about the first inst.

The Committee appointed at a public meeting to inquire into the reported contemplation of an invasion of the Hawaiian Islands, by an armed force from California, say that they have had put into their hands two letters from San Francisco—

"One bearing date the 6th June, 1859, states: That a young man (an acquaintance of the writer) who was a passenger on board the British ship "Balmoral," from this place to San Francisco, overheard a party of the passengers on board said vessel, who originally came from Sydney in her, planning a robbery, on or before the present fall. The place most particularly designated was the Custom House in this, the city of Honolulu, in the vaults of which they understood a large amount of specie was deposited. And not only did these desperadoes intend forcibly to appropriate said specie to their own use, by robbery, but they fully resolved to murder all who resisted the accomplishment of their designs. The letter further states, that the person from whom the writer received this information, was bound to the Atlantic States of North America, in consequence of ill health.

The second letter is dated Oct. 8, 1850, and is addressed to R. R. Wyllie, Esq., His Hawaiian Majesty's Minister of Foreign Relations, Honolulu, and is written by a gentleman who is a resident of Honolulu, and with whom your Committee had been long acquaintee. His character for integrity, truth and honor, needs no commendation. He gives an extract of a letter written to him by a friend in San Francisco, whose character also stands high in the estimation of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. "And this extract is as follows:—"It is reported that a set of cut-throats intend going over to take possession of your islands. (Meaning the Hawaiian Islands.) Gen. Miller ought to have an English man-of-war at his disposal."

The report of the contemplated invasion, it seems, was founded upon the above information, and the Committee very properly say they "do not feel justified in believing that any well organized or concocted invasion by an armed force, is at all to be apprehended from California, from the well established fact that the government of the United States would never permit the assemblage of any body of armed men within the limits of her jurisdiction, for the purpose of invading the territory of a Nation between whom and herself the most friendly relations exist, and it is to be hoped, may long continue to exist."

The Fire Department.—We will not let this occasion pass without paying a just compliment to the efficient manner in which our Fire Department conducted their operations Saturday evening. They were promptly on the ground, and worked with a will, and a determination to stay the progress of the devouring element, and were successful. They exhibited what they *can* do when the requsite supply of water is at hand. The Chief Engineer and Assistants, as well as the Foremen of the several Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies, were exceedingly active, and directed the efforts of the companies under their charge with good judgment. To properly appreciate a well organized Fire Department, one must *see* a fire in California.

Reported Invasion Project.—Two or three weeks since a report was current that an invasion of the Hawaiian Islands, by an armed force from California, was contemplated. The citizens of Honolulu took the precaution to appoint a committee to investigate the matter, and by their account in our news report from the Islands, it will be seen they are of the opinion that such fears are groundless.

Gold Dust Shipped.—The California yesterday took $926,000 in gold dust. Of this amount, Adams & Co. shipped $145,000, and J. W. Gregory $38,000. Dodge & Co. also sent a considerable amount.

The Libel Case.—The testimony taken the first day, in the case of Melhado *vs.* Crane & Rice, will be found on our first page. The case will be resumed to-day.

☞ The pressure of advertisements and marine news crowds out the report of Court proceedings on Saturday.

## ANOTHER DESTRUCTIVE FIRE!

On Saturday evening last, our city was visited by another destructive fire, though we are glad to say, much less so than any of the previous extensive conflagrations. The fire broke out about half past eight o'clock, in the large zinc building just erected by Baker, Brothers & Co., on Sacramento street, between Montgomery and Leidsdorff streets, and soon communicated to the adjoining buildings. The loss of B., B. & Co., will perhaps be $10,000.

The building was not entirely completed, but the lower story had just been taken by Ginelle & Co., crockery dealers, who had put in about $6,000 worth of stock, within the past day or two, the whole of which was lost.

The next building on Sacramento street, towards the water, was owned by T. H. Shelby, and occupied by J.W. McKee, dealer in groceries. Loss by goods being burned, and by removal, about $1,200. In this store was also a considerable quantity of West India and other goods, on consignment, in the hands of other parties, which were nearly all lost by fire and removal. Mr. Shelby's loss is about $4.000.

In the basement of the building was the bowling saloon of Hutchings, Lord & Co. Loss $1,000.

Butler & Baxter owned the building corner of Sacramento and Leidsdorff streets, and also the adjoining one on the latter street. The upper portion was occupied by the owners, who also had a large stove establishment in the building on Leidsdorff street. In the basement was about two hundred stoves, yet unpacked, nearly all of which will be a total loss. The stock of goods in store, on commission, were all destroyed. Their loss is the heaviest, being perhaps $25,000. Mr. Baxter arrived in the city from Sacramento, just in time to witness the destruction of his property.

John M. Huddart, in latter building, groceries and commission; goods mostly destroyed. Lost $3,000.

Adjoining the building in which the fire originated, toward Montgomery street, was the Atlantic Hotel and Restaurant, kept by U. Stearns. Loss $2,000.

Hawley, Sterling & Co., hardware and clothing. Loss $5,000. Goods partly removed, but badly damaged.

J. B. Easterly, tin and sheet iron dealer; goods partly removed. Loss $1,000.

Totten & Kellogg, groceries and provisions; loss $1.000, principally from water, and removal of goods.

Boardman, Bakeman & Co., groceries, &a.; loss principally from tearing down portions of their building.

The building corner of Montgomery and Sacramento streets, was nearly torn down, to stay the progress of the flames, but the fire was subdued before reaching the corner.

The green zinc building on Leidsdorff street, adjoining that of Butler & Baxter, had a narrow escape, and was saved by great exertion. Loss trifling.

On the opposite corner of Sacramento and Leidsdorff streets, was the large wooden building recently leased by G. Meredith, Esq., Agent for the Pacific Steamship Company. By dint of almost superhuman exertions on the part of the agent, clerk and employees, and tho Monumental Fire Co., the building was saved, and the fire thus prevented from spreading across the street. Had this building caught, the fire could hardly have been stopped short of the destruction of several whole blocks.

The stores of John S. Manson, Bradt & Barnett, Voyau & Co., and A. J. Tobias, were more or less injured by the flames and the breaking of the windows.

Most of the occupants on Brannan's Row, and the adjoining buildings, on Sacramento street, removed their goods, and all of them sustained more or less loss from damage and thefts.

The origin of the fire is not known, though generally believed to have been the work of an incendiary. No fire had been kindled in the building in which it originated. The straw from the crockery of Ginelle & Co., was scattered throughout the lower story of the building, and the fire may have been caused by a cigar or something of the kind. If the work of an incendiary, it was undoubtedly with a view to robbery. The office of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and of Adams & Co., Express Agents, being in the immediate vicinity, both of whom it was supposed had large amounts of gold ready for shipment by the California. was no doubt the plunder designed to be secured in the general conflagration. Both, however, were stronghanded enough, with the aid of friends, to preserve securely everything that had not already been sent on board of the steamer.

Considering the locality of the fire, the surrounding buildings being almost entirely of wood, it is a matter of especial wonder that the flames were arrested where they were. Had there been a breath of wind, the conflagration must have been far more extensive. As it is, too much credit cannot be awarded to our noble Fire Department for their energetic and unceasing exertions to arrest the destroyer.

The apparatus of some of the companies was in course of repair, and some little delay was experienced in getting it upon the ground. The St. Francis Hook and Ladder Co. were obliged to carry their ladders, &c., to the fire, from the workshop. Where all did well that were in a condition to work, it would be invidious to particularize. But all honor to the Fire Department, say we, and so will say the hundreds whose property was protected by their exertions on Saturday night.

☞ We are desired to state that the Ladies' Sewing Circle, in preparing for the Fair, will meet this evening at 7 o'clock, in Col. Collier's Rooms, at the corner of Montgomery and California streets.

☞ We are indebted to Messrs. Ackley & Morrison, for the early delivery of a packet from San Jose yesterday.

Sailing of the California.—The steamship California, Capt. Budd, sailed for Panama last evening, carrying $926,000 in treasure, and 220 passengers.

**News from the Sacramento Valley.**

Rain commenced falling on Friday morning at Sacramento, and continued throughout the day.

The Common Council refused to reduce the salaries of the Aldermen from $200 to $100 per month, and also refused to make any change in the compensation of the other officers of the city.

The election for Mayor and Aldermen was to take place on Saturday.

*Murderer and Robber Arrested.*—On Thursday evening last, a man was discovered emerging from the window of Mr. Smith's office, on the corner of L and Second streets. On seeing that his movements were watched, the thief ran, and was pursued by the police officers and a large number of citizens, and finally arrested on K street. He gave his name as James Camel. He was taken to the prison ship to await trial. Yesterday, two gentlemen arrived in the city from Yuba county, having a warrant far the arrest of James Stewart, or "English Jim," an individual charged with the murder of Charles Moores, on the Yuba river, and robbing him of $2,500. These gentlemen visited the prison ship, and recognized the murderer in the man arrested on Thursday night, under the circumstances above mentioned. [Transcript.

*Political Importance of El Dorado County*—We are under obligations to Judge Daniels, of El Dorado county, for an official abstract of the votes cast in each precinct in that county at the late election. The special election was called on the 30th Nov., to fill vacancies in the county offices, and resulted in the choice of Josiah Gordon, for County Clerk; Wm. Ross for County Attorney; and John A. Richest for County Recorder. The following are the names of the several precincts, and the total number of votes cast at each:

Big Rar gave 51 votes; Calion creek, 60; Cold Springs, 235; Coloma, 373; Diamond Springs, 308; Ford's Bar, 35; Georgetown, 134; Greenwood Valley, 395; Kelsey's, 269; Mud Springs, 94; Murderer's Bar, 63; Placerville, 1,111; Pilot Hill; 98; Poverty Bar, 51; Salmon Falls, 66; Spanish Bar, 75; Spanish Dry Diggings, 39; Somerset, 67; Volcano Bar, 54; Weberville, 235.

The total of the above is 3,865 votes. At the late State election in October last, the whole vote of El Dorado county was 2,900. At that time, Yuba county gave a vote of 4,163, and Sacramento 3000. [Transcript.

*Frozen to Death.*—A gentleman namad Bernard B. Light, of Hedgesville, Va., was frozen to death on last Tuesday night week, a few miles north of Downieville. It appears that that Mr. L. had started in company with Mr. James Pullman, from Downieville, for the purpose of going to Grass Valley, and while on the road, late in the afternoon, Mr. Light complained of being unwell. As he was unable to proceed Mr. Pullman, after leaving him in blankets, left for the purpose of reaching Negro Tent, where he expected to get aid. On returning from this place that night, he sought for Mr. L. in vain, although he found the blankets, where he had lain. The snow was about a foot in depth, but the night being rather dark, no traces could be discovered, and concluding that the deceased had recovered from his attack and had gone in another direction, Mr. P. returned to Negro Tent. The next morning Mr. P. went back again, and found the remains of Mr. Light about fifty yards from where he had left him the preceding night. Doubtless Mr. L. was laboring under a slight aberration of mind, and had wandered away from his blankets.

The deceased had a small amount of money on his person, which has been brought to this city, and will be sent to his wife. A few days previous to his death he informed Mr. Pullman that he had $3000 loaned in Sacramento, and as no note or bill of deposit has as yet been found, it is hoped that for the sake of a bereaved and helpless wife, the person to whom the money was loaned will communicate the fact to Mr. Hedges, of the firm of G. B. Post & Co., on J street, in this city, who has taken charge of the effects of the deceased.

[Transcript.

**Intelligence from the San Joaquin Valley.**

The *Stockton Times* states that the auctioneers of that city have refused to pay the tax levied upon them by the City Council. One case was heard before the Recorder, and decided against them, but the case was appealed. The auctioneers have resolved to carry the matter to the Supreme Court of the United States, if the collection of the tax is persisted in.

The election, on Thursday, resulted as follows:

*For City Marshal.*—Thos. Lubbock, 295; John Callaghan, 227; Charles E. Holt, 133.

*For City Council.*—C. A. Ward, 240; J. M. Hill, 192; E. W. Colt, 171; E. M. Howison, 146; James Keller, 124; H. M. Smith, 108; T. Paige, 104; F. Brown, 84.

The District Court, Hon. Charls M. Creaner, presiding, commenced its session in Stockton on Tuesday last. The calender consisted of 125 civil causes, with a large amount of criminal business. On Wednesday, the suit of J. S. Duchay *vs.* Parkman S. Rand, was tried, of which the *Times* gives the following history:

"The complainant alleged that defendant and himself entered into a contract of copartnership, in Brownsville, Texas, for the purpose of gambling, or keeping faro banks and betting at them, &c.; that the said partnership continued through Mexico to Mazatlan, and was renewed in San Francisco after the arrival of the parties in California. The plaintiff further alleged that the defendant had accumulated, during said partnership, $60,000 and upwards, to one half of which he was entitled. He prayed for a dissolution of said partnership, the appointment of a receiver, and a division of the property, &c.

To the complaint the defendant demurred, on the grounds,

1st. That the contract declared on was illegal, immoral, and void by the laws of Texas, where it was averred to have been made.

2d. That it was illegal, immoral, and void by the law of California, where sought to be enforced.

The court *overruled the demurrer*, and the cause was submitted to a jury, at the April term, 1849, who being unable to agree on a verdict, were discharged. At the August term succeeding, the cause was again fully argued, and submitted to a jury, who also were unable to agree on a verdict. The cause was again fully and elaborately argued at the present term, the jury finding a verdict for the defendant. D. S. Terry and H. A. Crabb for plaintiff, D. W. Perley for defendant."

On Friday a copious rain storm occurred at Stockton, and vicinity. The miners who have large piles of earth heaped up for washing, waiting for rain, have now a bountiful supply.

*Garde Mobile.*—We have been informed that one of the members of the "Garde Mobile," who passed up to the mines about two weeks since, came down on Thursday, on his way to Paris. In the brief time he has been digging, he has realized over $3,000 worth of dust. Lucky *hombre.*—[Jour.

*Another Lump.*—We had the pleasure of seeing, on Thursday last, in this city, a lump of pure gold, weighing 10 lbs. 3 oz. It belonged to a Frenchman who dug it out, a few days ago, below the Rich Gulch, near Moquelumne Hill. The lucky hombre was on his way home.—[*Times.*

Sudden Death.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. O. Hockstrasser, Sergeant-at-Arms, of the Beard of Aldermen. He died Saturday afternoon, after an illness of a day or two. We met him on Monday evening last, at the meeting of the Common Council, in his usual health, apparently. His funeral was attended yesterday afternoon by a large number of friends, and his Masonic brethren. He was a worthy man, and a good citizen. He left a large family in Utica, N. Y., to mourn his loss.

Theatrical.—We believe there are to be no performances at any of the city theatres *this* evening. The cause had not transpired at the time of our going to press.

Burglary.—Joseph Souties was arrested on Saturday night last, while in the act of breaking open the door of Mrs. Ross's house on Washington street.

Grand Concert.—By our advertising columns it will be seen that Madame Van Gulpen will give a grand concert at the Armory of the California Guards, corner of Dupont and Jackson streets, this evening. The vocal accomplishments of this lady have given her a wide-spread reputation, and we have no doubt that her talents will be as well appreciated and rewarded here as elsewhere. The programme is one of the best we have ever seen announced for any similar entertainment, and cannot fail to attract an overwhelming house. We shall be much surprised if the Hall of the Guards does not present a greater array of beauty than has ever been congregated together upon any previous occasion in California.

Stealing at the Fire.—Thieving was practised to a great extent at the fire Saturday evening. A large number of persons were arrested while in the act of carrying off goods, and for the benefit of themselves and the community, we give their names. We hope some of them may be able to prove their innocence. They were, Thos. Hogarty, William Foy, Thomas Cook, Wm. Houseman, David McClow, —— DeEako, Joseph Richards, John Fields, James Duke, Henry A. Wright, Charles Rodgers, Charles Johnson, Thomas Bowman, Samuel Owens, Thos. Curry, C. Saurens, Daniel Coombs, John Williams, Pueblo Francisco, Decklaw Ryan, Charles Crance, John Williams, Francis McGuire, and John Williamson.


Auction Sales.—Middleton & Hood will sell, to-day, a good assortment of clothing, boots, cutlery, &c.

Backus, Davis & Co. will sell, to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, a desirable stock of fancy, staple, and dry goods.

Kettelle, Mahony & Co. sell at 10 o'clock this morning, a large lot of provisions and groceries.


**MARRIED.**

On Thursday evening, Dec. 12th, in Stockton, by the Rev. L'Abbe Renaud, Alfred A. Mix to Mary C. Craig.

July 10th, in St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, China, by the Rt. Rev. George Smith, Lord Bishop of Victoria, Rev. Robert S. Maclay, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, Fuh Chau, to Miss Henrietta C. Sperry, of Brooklyn, U. S. A.

**DIED.**

In San Jose, on Sunday, 8th inst., Dr. John Townsend, aged 50 years.

On Tuesday, 10th inst., Mrs. Lucy, relict of Dr. John Townsend, aged about 37 years.

In Honolulu, S. I., on the 14th of November, Abraham H. Fayerweather, formerly of New York, but long a resident at the Islands, aged 38 years.

Sept. 4, Matthew Ash, seaman on board H. M. S. Meander, murdered on shore.

18, George Hastings, North American seaman, dysentery, 48 years.

23d, James Clarke Cornish, child of Capt. Cornish, Eng. brig Paraguay, St. Johns, N. B., dysentery, 1½ years.

26, James Ripley, Syracuse, N. Y., dysentery, 35 years.

Oct. 5, Timothy Moreaty, seaman on board H. M. S. Asia, consumption, 24 years.

9, Grosvenor Bunster, Gornwall, Eng., dropsy, 63 years.

11, William Varley, Yarmouth, Eng., consumption, 45 years.

15, E. A. Bohme, Valparaiso, inflammation of the bowels, 1 year.

**PASSENGERS.**

Per E Randall—Messrs Batas and Wowles.

Per Return—B Gordon.

Per Alabama—Ernst Custer, C Meyer, J D Bobbs, F Frietman, J Smith, and 12 in steerage.

Per Harp—G House.

Per Ontario—W G Bailey,, W Baer C Melhado, J R Wilson, D C Crowell, E Cape, V Blanville, A Cauchoes, J Freamer and wife, Mary Abardee, Mary Doyle, and 28 in the steerage.

Per Hellegonda Catherina Helena—C E Surie, G C Focha, Lasonder, C Ohrt, J H Bosboon.

Per Jessurum—T Foster, A N Cross, S E White, R Tillou, J Tilton.

Per Vanguard—C Weston, L Forbes, Dr J Trimble, Cohen, Snow, Leaverfaur Miss F Curtis, J V Walton.

Per Widgeon—Mr. Hargrove, lady, child ane serv't.

Per E. Cornish—Messrs Hunter and Kernaman.

**IMPORTATIONS.**

Per Vanguard—192 tons coal, 8 casks mdz, 1 trunk effects, 3 cases cider, 5 hhds, 6 trunks mdz, 1 pkg do, 6 cases, 11 cases wine, 7 cases mdz, 17 parcels wood, 3 cases sashes, 1 bx rivets, 1 bx glass, 3 parcels ridging, 27 parcels corrgd iron, 10 bundles angle iron, 5 pkgs mdz, 86 casks beer, 85 parcels corrgd iron,. 8 parcels angle iron, 4 doors, 5 cases, 3 boxes, 9 cases wine, 30 cases mdz, 4 bundles mdz, 1 case mdz, 100 kegs colors, 50 jugs oil, 2 cases effects, 50 cases mdz, 30,000 stock bricks, 50 cases ale, 114 pkgs Oilman's stores, 28 cases candles, 2 trunks hosiery, 1 chest seamen's clothing, 75 cases salt, 24 cases mdz, 25 cases contg 3 billiard tables, 4 cases jrig 4 pheatons, 1 cask bottled ale, 2 cases pipes, 10 pkgs mdz, 2 cases paper, 2 pkgs boots and potats, 1 bale matting, 3 cases stores, 56 parcels corraged iron, 11 cases angle iron, 16 cases and boxes, 8 cans, 2 ladders, 43 parcels of wood, 1 cask, 4 parcels gutters, 2 tie rods, 1 box sundries, 100 cases pickles, 12 cases iron safes, 2 cases mdz, 1 pkg do, 56 coils rope, 34 cases pale ale, 17 cases stout, 8 do porter, 9 do ale, 3 cases Monpl cider, 30 do picks, 84 do porter, 84 do pale ale, 40 do linseed oil, 35 bags flour fm Conception, 1 bx boots, 1 bbl oil.

Per Cesar Helena—5868 bags flour, to Morehead, Whitehead & Co.

Per Franklin—34 M bricks, 115 M lumber, 5000 lbs butter, 520 bxs candles, 14000 lbs cheese, 20 tons coal, 3000 lbs hams, to master.

Per Meldon—580 tons coal, 15 casks claret wine, 138 baskets champagne, 4 boxes paper.

Per Walter Scott—240 bbls sweet potatoes, 82,000 segars, 1000 doz eggs, 400 pumpkins, to Macondray & Co.

Per Mary Stuart—85 tons potatoes, 800 gallons syrup, to master.

Per Ann Maria—680 tons coal, to master.

Per Jane Eunis—200 tons flour, to Morehead, Whitehead & Co.

Per Widgeon—300 tons coal, 40 tons hay, 175 bxs potatoes, 166 bags coal, to master.

Per Alexander—3734 bags flour, 22 M lumber, 80 bags coal, to master.

Per Isabel—120 piles, to Hustis.

Per brig E. Cornish—127 tons coal, 15 tons iron.

Per J B Lippincott—4,000 galls molasses, 10,000 lemons.

Per Return—4 cases champagne, 2 bales blankets, 1 case boots, 112 bags oats, 5 cases apples, 4 kegs butter, 20 tons potatoes, 5 do turnips, 12 cases cheese, 10 pkgs eggs.

Per Samuel M Fox—260 hogs.

Per Hard—200 bxs porter, 20 bbls beef, 20 do pork, 4 do tongues, 6 bxs pig pork, 100 kegs lard, 100 jars butter, 79 kegs wht lead, 2 bbls putty, 44 kegs paint, 4 cans varnish; 7 bbls vinegar, 2 bbls sour krout, 72 pkgs drugs, 369 bxs candles, 4 pkgs cigars, 24 do drugs, 100 bxs chocolate, 50 do figs, 3 bbls beans, 4 do oil, 4 cases boots, 70 boxes provisions, eggs, etc, 120 tins and 3 bxs spiced meats, 300 bgs corn, 45 do oats, 20 bbls hominy, 4 bales mattresses, 74 bbls bread, 60 hlf do.

Per Ontario—21 pcs oil cloth, 90 casks provisions, 20,000 shingles, 50 pkgs hardware, 30 houses, 80 pkgs dry goods, 200 bbls ale, 1 saw mill complete, 20 bbls brandy, 150 do pork, 200 do cement, 4 wagons, 60 tcs hams and sundy small pkgs mdz.

Per Jane Lucie—40 tons potatoes.

Per Hellegonda Catharina Helena—8000 bricks, 3387 planks, 150 hams, 156 cs winy, 40 baskets mineral water, 144 cases cigars, 60 cases shampagne, 100 mattresses, 20 ca liquor, 200 casks butter, 50 do white lead, 100 kegs oil, 16 cs candles, 50 cheeses, 50 pots butter, 60 cs and 240 csks preseved vegetables, 3 cs hock, 4 ca and 10 csks provisions, 50 cs preserves, 4 cs herrings.

Per Herald—400 tons coals.

Per Pionet—750 quintals coffee, 100 do sugar, 200 do frijoles.

Per Alabama—50 bxs lemom syrup, 50 do cherry brandy, 25 do claret, 15 do cordial gin, 5 do pickled pepper, 20 cs cs tomato catsup, 23 cs bitters, 7 bxs sheet iron, 137 kegs nails, 87 pkgs boots and shoes, 20 bbls oysters, 257 bbls lme, 149 cases pickles, 20 do assorted sauces, 16 bxs sardines, 12 do wine, 15 bags coffee, 30 bexes sheet iron, 135 cases port wine, 156 boxes stoves, 5 bbls rice, 50 boxes rice, 21 rolls tin, 3 hhds bacon, 7 tins cheese, 14 kegs peaches, 51,000 bricks, 82 stoves, 50 boxes chairs, 31 bbls hams, 172 qr bbls and 60 hf bbls mess pork, 25 kegs tripe, 311 boxes macinery, a large quantity of building materials, etc.

**CONSIGNEES.**

Per Harp—J C George, Cummings & Phillips, T Dubosque.

Per Ontario—Capt Cheever, J M'Quoid, M J & S B Jacobs, S L Jacobs, U Simon, D Toy, M F Hoyt, R M'Melon, S H Haskell, Whitney & Britton, P Sorias, E Davidson, Lazasd, Hess & Co, J G Burnham, Dr Sheils, Winston & J & J B Jacobs, Whitney and Britton, Bond & Joseph, C Bibend, Dall & Austen, M Crooks, Cook, Baker & Co, Rosenbaum & Shafer, U S Quartermaster, M Newburger, J Turner, J C Wagner, C F Saltzer, T Brady, E A Lovell & Co, F Woodruff & Co, Burgoyne & Co, Laborde.

Per Alabama—G Evans, Numsen & Co, A & B Ellis, A J M'Guire, J E Chalfant, Phillipp & Dauson, Webb & Co, R Sewell, jr, J Cook, G J Whelan, E H Herrill, S R King & Co, Beach, Hyers & Co, Bennett & Kirby, J B & A S George, G Chappell, Capt J Myers, Winter & Latimer, R H Griffettes, J C E Hindes, R D Heml & Co, J W M'Conley, J H Coghill, M G Rosenstock & Co, Winter & Latimer, Lambton & Compton, Hellard & Rider, J B Lippincott, Beridge & Miller, W Reed, Capt Hardie, C Janett.

Per J B Lippincott—Hanson.

Per Return—The master.

Per Samuel M Fox—J D Carr.

Per Herald—Lieut Blair.

Per Pionet—R Emerson.

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## MARINE NEWS.

**Cleared,** December 14.

Steamer Isthmus, Ottinger, Panama, 250 passengers and $225,000.

Steamer California, Budd, Panama, 220 passengers and $926,000.

Ship Diana, Claussen, Valparaiso.

Ship Inca, Goodrich, Hong Kong, 1 pass.

Bark Merlin, Welch, Sandwich Islands and Hong Kong, 5 pass.

Brig Colorado, Baker, Humboldt, 6 pass.

**Arrived.**

Ship Franklin, Swain, 255 ds fm Nantucket, mdz to master, 5 pass.

Ship Ann Maria, Doty, 176 ds fm N York, via Valpo 55 ds, coal etc, to master.

Ship Walter Scott, Pease, 44 ds fm Paytan.

Bk Meldon, Buckman, 52 ds fm Callao, to Lieut Blair.

Bk J A Jesurun, 77 ds fm Guaymas to Barns & Robinson, 24 pass.

Br bk Vanguard, Garwood, 179 ds frm London, mdz to master.

Br bk Alexander, McVicar, 66 ds fm Tombez, flour to Goddeffroy & Sillem.

Br bk Ochteltyre, Robb, 160 ds fm Bahia, via Valp'o 70 ds, with mdz to order, 3 pass, to females.

Ham bk Cæsar, Stent, 57 ds fm Valp'o, flour to Morehead, Whitehead & Co.

Brig Mary Stuart, McDonald, 13 ds fm Lahaina.

Brg Northman, Nelson, 139 ds fm Boston, mdz to Lewis & Burle.

Brg Choctaw, 8 ds fr Oregon, with lumber

Brig Isabel, Furgerson, 9 ds fm Humboldt, with piles to A J Huestis, 18 pass.

Br brig Eliza Cornish, Talbot, fm Liverpool, via Valp'o, Panama and Realejo, coal, ect to master.

Br brig Jane Dennis, Henderson, 45 ds fm Valp'o, with flour to Whitehead, Morehead & Co.

Br brig Widgeon, Capes, 102 ds fm Sydney, coals, etc, to order.

Schr Monticello, 16 ds fm Lahana.

Ship Ontario, Lowe, 258 days from New Orleans via Rio de Janeiro and Valparaiso, 61 days from latter port, 40 pass, to Capt Cheever.

Bark Alabama, Myers, 240 days from Baltimore, via Valparaiso 64 days, 17 pass, to master.

Dutch bark Hillegonda Catherina Helena, Radcliffe, 215 days from Amsterdam, via Valparaiso 57 days, 4 pass, to Gildemeester, DeFremery & Co.

Eng bark Herald, Lawson, 227 days from Sunderland, via Valparaiso 60 days, to master.

Brig Pianet, Pratt, 54 days from Punta Aranas, to R Emerson, on board.

Fr brig Jne Lucie Ache, 18 days from Honolulu, 1 pass, to LePierre & Co.

Brig E Randall, Wilcomb, 35 days from Realejo, in ballast, 2 pass, to master.

Eng brig Return, Richards, 94 days from Wellington, New Zealand, 1 pass, to master.

Schr Samuel M Fox, Wood, 25 days from Marquesas Islands, to J D Carr.

Schr J B Lippincott, Landers, 40 days from Realejo, to J Hanson.

Schr Harp, Barnes, 256 days from Philadelphia, via Talcahuana 53 days, 1 pass, to master.

**Spoken.**

By Northman—Sept 16, lat 33 30 s, 44 w, ship Wansilis, fm Baltimore for Acapulco; Nov. 21, lat 35 s, 110 w, brig Crocus; Dec 3d, lat 29 30 n, 128 w, ship Pioneer, hence for China.

By Ann Maria—Sept 20th, off Cape Horn, Br bark Pet, Rivers, from Dundee for this port.

Per Ochtertyre—Oct 14th, lat 19 37 s, 85 22 w, ship Hepsher Baldwin.

By Return—Dec 11, about 100 miles south of this port, schr Honolulu, hence.

By Herald—Sept 8, lat 57 2 S, long 64 25 W, bark John A Taylor, from Wilmington for this port. Sept. 1, lat 57 48 S, long 66 34 W, ship Gertrude, 95 days from New York, for this port.

**Memoranda.**

Per E Randall—Schr Mary M Woods was to sail from Realejo for this port 15th Nov. Ship Mary Ann was takin in mules for Panama.

Per Samuel M Fox—Left at Marquesas Islands Nov 8, whale ship Desdemona, Beatman, of New Bedford, 14 mos out, 900 bbls sperm oil bark Jasper, of New Bedford, 8 mos out, 80 bbls sperm.

Per Harp—Bark Sarah Moore sailed from Talcahuana for this port one day previous; also, ship Garland, for Boston. Ship Crusader, hence, was to sail for Boston the day following.

Per Jesurums—Left at Guaymas, schr Flirt; brig Attillo repairing; bark Sarah Warren sailed Nov. 23d for Sandwich Islands.

Per W. Scott—Left at Payta, bark Rio, and bark Chili, bound to Talcahuana.

Per M. Stuart—Left at Lahaina, barks Russell and Connecticut, loading; schr Montecello sailed 2 days before.

LAHAINA, Nov. 11—Arr brig Juno, Ryan, San Francisco; Oct 25, ship Edward Russell, 14 ds fm San Francisco; 26, ships Almyea, Coffin, 36 mos, 900 sp, 1300 wh, 16,000 bone; Milton, Smith, 38 mos, 2000 sp; Champion, Colt, 100 sp, 2000 wh,

# AUCTION SALES.

WILLIAM W. BACKUS, Auctioneer.
By BACKUS, DAVIS & CO.,
[Washington, between Montgomery and Sansome sts.]

*Stock Sale.*

On TUESDAY, Dec. 24, at 10 o'clock, and continue, from day to day, until all is sold.

LARGE SALE, at the extensive warehouse of Geo. W. Simmons, Athenœum Building, extending through from Commercial to Sacramento st. THE ENTIRE STOCK OF SAID STORE, together with the balance of his importations, all adapted for the trade of this place and up-river, consisting in part, as follows:

A large invoice of ready-made clothing.
An invoice of 150 cases thick boots.
An invoice of 500 prs sheep's gray pantaloons.
An invoice of assorted pantaloons.
An invoice of overcoats.
An invoice of 15 trunks of gent's furnishing goods.
An invoice of Spanish cloaks, broadcloths, rich silk velvet
An invoice of stationery. [trimmings.
An invoice of pickles and preserves.
An invoice of tin ware.
An invoice red flannel shirts.
An invoice of Coboe drawers and shirts, red, white and
An invoice of blankets, red, white and blue. [mixed.
An invoice of India rubber boots and shoes,
An invoice of India rubber shoes.
An invoice of India rubber clothing.
An invoice of fancy goods.
An invoice of 50 cases brandy.
An invoice of apothecaries' drugs.
An invoice of 50,000 cigars.
An invoice of carpeting, woolen.
An invoice of oil carpeting.
An invoice of ladies' cloaks, visites and mantillas.
An invoice of undershirts and drawers.
An invoice of pocket handkerchiefs and cravats.
An invoice of scarfs. An invoice of woolen socks.

*Shop Furniture.*

1 desk, 1 superior iron safe, 3 pair gold scales and weights, complete, 2 extra looking glasses, one cost $150; 3 Canton chairs, 1 clock, lot tools, and sundry other articles.

The whole of the above will be sold without reserve. d16

CITY SCRIP TAKEN AT PAR!

IN EXCHANGE FOR 500,000 FT. OF LUMBER AT AUCTION.

On TUESDAY NEXT, 17th inst., at the sales room of THEODORE PAYNE & CO, at 11 o'clock, consisting of Boards, Scantling, Timber, glazed Windows and Frames, Pickets for fences, Panel Doors, &c, 50,000 Brick, 50 tons Coal, 100,000 Shingles, all sizes; with various other articles in the same line, to close a concern. The number of feet will be guarantied. The above are all landed, and can remain on storage at a reasonable rate, and be insured against fire if desired. The above lumber is well assorted, and will be sold in lots to suit purchasers. Full particulars at the sale. d16

J. C. BELL, Auctioneer.
By KETTELLE, MAHONY & CO.
[Washington street, near Montgomery.]

THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, a general assortment of GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, &c. d16

# AMUSEMENTS.

## GRAND CONCERT.

TO BE GIVEN BY MADAME VAN GULPEN,

At the Armory of the First California Guards, corner of Dupont and Jackson sts, on MCNDAY eve'g, Dec. 16.

Programme---PART I.

1. Solo for Violincello, with accompaniment of Piano—Mr. CHERICH ..... Kumer.
2. Cavatina from Il Barbiere de Sevilla—Mad. VAN GULPEN ..... Rossini.
3. O God! preserve the Mariner! — Mr. BULKLEY ..... Jefferys.
4. The Horn of the Alps—Mad. VAN GULPEN. Troch.
5. Romance, composed and sung by M. DE MONFORT.
6. Duett from the Opera Lucia di Lammermoor sung by Mad. VAN GULPEN and M. DE MONFORT ..... Donizetti.

INTERMISSION OF FIFTEEN MINUTES.

PART II.

1. Spanish Song—Mad. VAN GULPEN ..... Blanco.
2. I'm afloat !—Mr. BULKLEY ..... Russell.
3. Kathleen Mavourneen — Mad. VAN GULPEN ..... Crouch.
4. Solo for Violincello, with Piano, arranged from American National Airs—Mr. EHRICH and VAN GULPEN ..... Dotzauer.
5. Romance, sung by M. DE MONFORT
6. Jeannette and Jeannot, the Conscript's Departure—Mad. VAN GULPEN ..... Jefferys.
7. The Soldier's Return, Duett, sung by Mad. VAN GULPEN and Mr. BULKLEY. Jefferys.

Doors open at 7 o'clock; Concert to begin at 7½.
Price of Tickets, $3; Lady and Gentleman, $5.

# WANTED.

## WANTED.

A GENTLEMAN possessing the requisite business talent, and a cash capital of not less than $3000, can have an opportunity of entering into a pleasant and lucrative business, in connexion with the advertiser. Satisfactory references will be given. Address B.B., at this office, care of the Editor. d14 6

## WANTED.

INFORMATION of JAMES MOFFITT. Should he see this, he will please send his whereabouts to this office.

## BOOT MAKERS WANTED.

APPLY to KELSEY, SMITH & RISLEY, Clay stree 3d door above Montgomery street. d10 tf

## LOS ANGELES GOLD MINING COMPANY.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the above Company, held at their office Dec. 14, 1850, an assessment of one dollar on each share of stock was ordered to be paid on or before the 23d of December, 1850, at the office of Mr. E. Laffan, the Treasurer of the Company, corner of Clay street and Portsmouth Square, who will attend to receiving the same each day, from 10 o'clock, A. M. to 12, M.

The attention of stockholders is called to the Tenth Article of the Constitution, as follows:

"The Board of Directors shall have power to levy assessments on such stock as the necessities and requirements of the Company may demand. They shall give notice in one or more of the newspapers in the city of San Francisco, of at least one week, of such assessment, and may, on the failure of the payment of such assessment at the time required, declare the stock of such delinquent forfeited."

E. V. VOICE, President.
S. H. WARD, Secretary. d16 1w
San Francisco, Dec. 16, 1850.

## NOTICE TO SHIPMASTERS AND OWNERS.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, shipwrights of San Francisco, have completed our arrangements for heaving out vessels of any size, that may need overhauling from keel to light water. Mr. Thompson, a master rigger, may be found on board the ship Pico, south side Rincon Point, at all times, who will give immediate attention to orders left with him, or orders left at Hawley, Sterling & Co's, foot of Sacramento street, will be attended to.

d16 tf HUDSON, SMITH & LESTER.

## THE RAPHAEL RESTAURANT,

IN SACRAMENTO STREET, having been closed, in order to refit, is open again to customers. Those who will favor this establishment, will find the dishes served up in the best style, and the rooms fitted up in a manner for neatness and comfort unequalled by any place in the city.

A well selected assortment of table wines, liquors and cigars. Bear steaks served up during the week.

d16 1w RAPHAEL & SIMMONS.

## PICKED UP,

OFF RINCON POINT—A boat, painted black outside, white within, and square stern. The owner is requested to call at the Butcher Shop, beyond Eggery & Hinckley's Machine Shop, in Pleasant Valley, prove property, pay charges, and take the same away.

d16 3* CHARLES MAY.

## INSURANCE

ON SPECIE, GOLD DUST, &c, effected on the most favorable terms to New York or the Bank of England, under policies at Lloyd's.

Apply to THEO. BAHNSEN,
d16 1m Iron Building, Montgomery street cor Sacramento.

## M. RUDSDALE,

IMPORTER and Commission Merchant, Sansome street, corner of Pine, has for sale—

Ale, pints, in bbls
Holland and London cordial gin
Duc de Montebello's champagne
Champagne cider, from the celebrated Pelham farm
Scotch and Irish whisky
Clark's Congress water

ALSO, Rosewood cabinet piano forte, elastic touch
London barrel organ. d14 1w

## JUST RECEIVED,

PER steamship NEW ORLEANS—

1000 pr corduroy pants, fly fronts and spring bottoms
800 blue ribbed sat pants do do
900 pr fancy doeskin do do do
40 doz fancy shirts

For sale by
WM. G. BADGER,
Sansome, between Washington and Jackson sts. 4th door from Washington. d14tf

## POCKET-BOOK FOUND.

A POCKET-BOOK was found, in May last, on Mokelumne hill. It is now in the possession of the editor of the *Stockton Times*. It contains promissory notes, &c, to the amount of several thousand dollars, and a lease. Contents concern one F. C GRAY.

Any person proving property and paying charges, may have the same by applying to the *Stockton Times* Office. d14 1w

## FOUND ADRIFT,

IN THE HARBOR, one small SCOW, and two flat-bottomed BOATS. The owners are hereby notified to call at the PRISON BRIG EUPHEMIA, opposite Mission st. wharf, prove property, pay charges and take them away, or they will be disposed of according to law. d14 3*

## GUILD'S NEW ENGLAND RESTAURANT.

FORMERLY KEARNY STREET RESTAURANT, on Sansome street, a few doors north of Washington st. This house was opened immediately after we were burned out, on Kearny street, and has constantly received a large share of public favor, which it will endeavor still to merit. New England people will find here the various dishes to which they were accustomed at home.

d13 tf W. M. GUILD.

## FOR SALE.

FROM SHIP POWHATTAN, just arrived, lying at Cunningham's wharf,

407 tons Cumberland coal,
16 " best anthracite coal in casks,
314 small bales best timothy hay, weighing from 50 to 60 lbs each.

Apply to the office of F. ARGENTI & CO.,
In Montgomery street, between Clay and Commercial.
nov20 tf

# AUCTION SALES.

JOHN MIDDLETON, Auctioneer.
By MIDDLETON & HOOD.
[Washington street, below Montgomery.]

MIDDLETON & HOOD will hold regular sales as follows:

On MONDAYS, Catalogue Sales of Boots, Shoes and Clothing.

On TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, Cargo Sales of Groceries and Staple Goods.

CATALOGUE SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES, BROGANS AND CLOTHING.

THIS (Monday) morning, Dec. 16, at 10 o'clock, will be sold by catalogue, 300 cases boots and shoes:

30 cases men's long-legged grained leather boots
10 do do kip boots
10 do gent's calf boots
10 do women's kid buskins
3 do women's kid polka high boots
20 do men's heavy boots
25 do men's cowhide boots
10 do fishermen's boots
15 do men's heavy brogans
3 do youth's do
8 cases long-legged waxed leather boots
6 do super pegged grained leather boots
20 do heavy calf boots
4 do super city made brogans d16

ALSO, a large lot of ready-made clothing, pilot cloth coats, fine pants, beaver overcoats, red flannel shirts, &c. d14

25 extra heavy pilot cloth overcoats
25 do beaver do
40 do felting do
10 extra fine cloth overcoats
25 pr corduroy pants
25 pr fustian do
100 cassimere vests
10 doz extra fine colored shirts
10 do heavy red flannel shirts
10 do do drawers
12 pr Mackintosh coats

On account of underwriters—

10 doz porte monnairs
45 pair corduroy pants
10 pr cassimera pants
4 doz woolen shirts and drawers
100 pr cotton shirts
50 pr pillowcases
10 coverlids
400 doz shoe laces d16

ALSO, 10 doz table knives and forks
20 reams letter paper, ruled
10 do foolscap, do
3 doz mason's trowels
5 doz small bowie knives, morocco sheaths
3 doz California hunting knives d16

SALE OF GROCERIES.

On WEDNESDAY, Dec 18, at 10 o'clock, at sales room,

10,000 lbs light brown sugar
10,000 do Central American sugar
30 bbls mess pork
50 boxes patent Belmont sperm candles
100 do mould candles
30 kegs nails
40 do lard
10 bbls do
1 bbl Jamaica rum
5 bbls Monongahela whisky
20 coal cooking stoves
50 cases superior claret wine
40 do sardines
30 do Monongahela whisky

AT PRIVATE SALE.

1 case oil lemon
1 do tartaric acid
3 do 36 doz seidlitz powders d16

# COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

## DISSOLUTION.

THE FIRM OF POWELL, BURNETT & BARROWS has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

POWELL, BURNETT & BARROWS.
ALVISO, Dec. 11th.

BURNETT & BARROWS will continue the business as heretofore. d16 1w

## COPARTNERSHIP.

WM. CAREY JONES AND CHARLES B. STRODE, Counsellors and Attorneys at Law, have formed a copartnership for the State of California. Their cases in the Supreme Court of the United States, will be represented by gentlemen of the highest legal ability. Office over Burgoyne & Co's Banking House, corner Washington and Montgomery streets, San Francisco. d14

## DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

WILLIAM A. UNDERHILL, having withdrawn from the firm of UNDERHILL & BROTHERS, the business will hereafter be continued, at the same place, corner of Main and Eldorado sts, Stockton, by Geo. R. Underhill and Jas. W. Underhill, under the firm of UNDERHILL & BROTHERS, who are authorized to settle all business of the former firm. Stockton, Dec. 9th, 1850.

GEO. R. UNDERHILL,
JAS. W. UNDERHILL,
d12 3* W. A. UNDERHILL.

## DISSOLUTION.

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned under the name and firm of DEWEY & SMITH, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All demands due to or from the said firm, will be adjusted by SQUIRE P. DEWEY.

SQUIRE P. DEWEY.
FREDERICK M. SMITH.
Dated San Francisco, Nov. 12, 1850. d9 tf

## COPARTNERSHIP.

THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of COOKE & LECOUNT, for the purpose of carrying on the Wholesale and Retail Stationery business in general. They have leased the fire proof store in Wells & Co's Buildings, Montgomery street, next door to Wells & Co's Banking House.

WM. B. COOKE,
o1 tf J. J. LECOUNT.

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, State of California, for the County of San Francisco.

The people of the State of California to John Doe Chastelain and Richard Roe Ponvert, trading in the city and State of New York, under the firm and style of Chastelain and Ponvert, greeting:—You are hereby summoned to appear in the said District Court, for the county of San Francisco, on or before the 4th Monday of June, 1851, and answer the complaint of Francis Salmon and John S. Ellis, trading under the firm and style of Salmon & Ellis, filed with the Clerk of said Court, at his office in the city of San Francisco, in said State, on the 7th day of December, 1850, whereby the plaintiffs claim the sum of $5,160 66 balance, in account current between plaintiffs and defendants in favor of plaintiffs.

Witness the Honorable Levi Parsons, Judge of said Court, at the Court House in the city of San Francisco, this 13th day of December, 1850.

JOHN E. ADDISON, Clerk.
By JAS. D. GALBRAITH, Dep'y Clerk.

In the District Court, 4th Judicial District, State of California, for the County of San Francisco—notice to defendants. John Doe Chastelain and Richard Roe Ponvert, trading under the firm and style of Chastelain & Ponvert. This is an action instituted the 7th day of December, 1850, by Francis Salmon and John S. Ellis, trading under the name and style of Salmon & Ellis, against said defendants for the sum of $5160,66 balance in account between plaintiffs and defendants in favor of plaintiffs. An attachment was issued, defendants being now residents of this State, on the 7th day of December, 1850, returnable the 10th Dec., 1850, and together with the affidavit required by law, served upon J. J. Chauviteau & Co., merchants in the city of San Francisco, by giving them copies of the said writ of attachment, and of said affidavit, on the 10th day of December, 1850. Said J. J. Chauviteau appearing in said Court on the 10th day of December, 1850, and acknowledging $9000 of the money of said defendants to be in his hands. $6000 thereof were paid into Court under an order thereof to abide the issue of said action.

Summons returnable on the 4th Monday of June, 1851, on or before which day said defendants must appear, or judgment will be rendered against them.

JNO. E. ADDISON, Clerk,
By JAS. D. GALBRAITH, Dep'y Clerk.
JOHN H. SAUNDERS, Plff's Att'y. 6m 1am

## NEW GOODS.

JUST RECEIVED, ex MANDARIN, CAROLINE REED and other late arrivals, the following desirable articles:

3,000 kegs extra Goshen butter, 15 lbs each
100 do do 28 do
75 boxes ground allspice
30 do cinnamon
25 do cloves
75 doz Holt & Maltby's fresh Baltimore oysters
300 gross German matches, in round boxes
37 bbls Stuart's crushed sugar
70 bags prime coffee
75 boxes sperm and adamantine candles
200 qr boxes Malaga raisins
10 doz fresh preserved chickens
30 boxes black tea
do do codfish, in splendid order
40 hf and qr bbls No. 1 mackarel
15 do Chili beans
30 do corn meal
25 doz ax handles, No. 1
50 boxes soap

Also, smoking tobacco, China preserves, capers, pulverized herbs, &c, &c. For sale by

REYNOLDS & CO,
d12 6 Kearny street, between Washington and Jackson.

## WASHINGTON BATHS.

MYGATT, BRYANT & CO., having rebuilt their Bathing Establishment since the late fire, on Washington street, between Kearny and Montgomery, are now ready to give Warm, Cold, and Shower Baths, and attend to those who may favor them with their patronage. Open from 8 A. M. to 11 P. M. Single tickets $1 50, 10 tickets for $10.

Also in connection with their establishment, having secured the services of an excellent barber and hair-dresser, late of the Astor House, New York, they will be happy to accommodate the public in that department. d2

## GOLD DUST

BOUGHT OR INSURED, and forwarded to any part of the States, by way of New York or New Orleans, at the lowest rates, by GREGORY'S Express,
o18 tf f Office 280 Montgomery Street.

TEA—150 boxes Imperial, Gunpowder, and Young Hyson Tea, just received, per TEPIC, and for sale by

PICKETT & CO,
n7 tf foot Jackson street wharf.

## SPLENDID NEW BUGGY

ON a very light principle, with seats for four. For sale at the Java House by McCORMACK & CO,
n7 Tea Dealers and Coffee Roasters, 244 Montgomery st.

# EXPRESSES.

## GREGORY'S EXPRESS.

TO THE UNITED STATES—Having insurance policies in the Atlantic, Mutual, and other offices, and having our own office in one of the best FIRE-PROOF buildings in California, we are enabled to furnish the best security to persons sending Treasure by this line, and to whom no charges are made for depositing.

Drafts at sight on our Agents in New York, Messrs. Thompson & Hitchcock, corner of Wall and Pearl streets.

| *Agents.* | *Offices.* |
|---|---|
| THOMPSON & HITCHCOCK | New York. |
| G. E. CLARK | Sacramento City. |
| M. & B. F. CHEESEMAN | Marysville. |
| J. ELLIOTT | Portland, (Or.) |
| MITCHELL & HUTCHINS | Honolulu, (S. I.) |

A Submarine Armor, complete, for sale.

JOSEPH W. GREGORY,
Proprietor and Manager, 280 Montgomery street.
Hon. John S. Bradford will please call at this office. d2

## FREEMAN & CO'S EXPRESS.

THE ONLY FIRM in Sacramento connecting with the well known house of ADAMS & CO., to the Atlantic States.

Mr. T. R. HAWLEY, late of the firm of HAWLEY & Co, having disposed of his interest in that concern to the subscribers, the business will be continued without interruption.

Gold Dust, Coin, &c., insured against all risks, and forwarded to all the principal cities and towns of the Union.

Bills of Exchange drawn on ADAMS & Co. Having by contract secured the sole right of an Express on the splendid steamers SENATOR and NEW WORLD, we will forward daily, as heretofore, between Sacramento and San Francisco. We have a safe on each of the above steamers for the security of Treasure, which is always accompanied by our own messenger. FREEMAN & CO.

☞ OFFICES—Sacramento, Second street, near J, between J and K streets; San Francisco, with Adams & Co, J. Spear agent; Marysville, E. W. Tracy, agent. d2

SAN JOSE. SAN JOSE.

## BERFORD & CO'S LINE

OF EXPRESS MAIL STAGES,
HALL & CRANDALL, PROPRIETORS,

ARE now running every morning to San Jose, leaving Breford & Co's office, in the Plaza, at 8 o'clock, A. M. and the City Hotel, in San Jose, at 7 o'clock, A. M.

The reduced rate of fare puts it in the power of every one to visit the beautiful and healthful valley of Santa Clara. There is no more charming drive in California han that from San Francisco to San Jose, and as one is whirled rapidly through the oak openings and across the level plains under the skilful driving of Professors Dillon or Crandal, who drive their own coaches, he finds that pleasure is united with business, and wonders he has never made the trip before.

The great advantage this line possesses over all others, is that the Stages were bought expressly for the road, and with a particular attention to SAFETY, while the drivers, who have served a long apprenticeship from New England to Mexico, make the QUICKEST time and NEVER MEET WITH ACCIDENTS, which are so likely to occur with the old fashioned stage coaches. We invite our friends to give the line a trial. n7tf BERFORD & CO.

## TODD & CO'S EXPRESS.

RUNNING to all parts of the Southern Mines, and the only Express in Stockton or the Southern District connected in San Francisco, with the well known Express of ADAMS & Co., to all parts of the United States, affording superior facilities for the transportation of Gold Dust and packages of every description. Drafts procured upon all parts of the United States and Europe. Collections made in any part of the Southern mines, San Francisco, Stockton, &c., &c. By an arrangement made with the popular Express of HAWLEY & Co, in Sacramento, we are enabled to transact all branches of the Express business in that city and the Southern mines.

A. H. TODD, San Francisco.
d2 E. W. COLT, Stockton.

## DODGE & CO'S EXPRESS.

OUR ARRANGEMENTS for the prompt and faithful transmission of gold dust, coin, letters, parcels, &c, to all parts of the United States and Europe, furnishing exchange, and the transaction of a general Express business, are now complete.

Office in the room formerly occupied by Dunbar's California Bank, in Howard & Green's fire proof building, Montgomery street. An arrangement has been made with EDWARD E. DUNBAR, to superintend the Exchange Department. Drafts on our houses in New Orleans, New York and Boston, furnished, and the safe transmission of gold dust to the States and Europe insured by every steamer. Miners and others can make special deposits of treasure, in the fire proof safe of the undersigned.

d4 tf DODGE & CO.

## STATUTES OF CALIFORNIA.

FIRST SESSION.—THE STATE EDITION of the "Statutes of California," forming a quarto volume of nearly 500 pages, printed on superb white paper and new types, with copious marginal notes, will be received by the steamer of the 20th inst., and be for sale at the bookstore of COOKE & LECOUNT, Wells' Building, Montgomery street.

Messrs. C. & L. have purchased the entire edition of the "Bound Volumes," and will supply all orders for single copies, as fast as received from New York. As the first lot of 100 copies only will arrive on the 20th, gentlemen desiring to secure a copy must call and leave their names. The demand for the Laws will be much larger than can be filled for some time, and the rule of "first come, first served," will be adopted.

N. B. A complete stock of Books, Paper, Stationery, and every description of goods in their line, always on hand and for sale by COOKE & LECOUNT,
d12 10t Well's Building, Montgomery street.

☞ Sacramento Transcript, Stockton Times and Marysville Herald copy 2 times, and send bill to this office.

## JUST RECEIVED.

PER ships MANDARIN, W. H. HARBECK, CORIOLANUS and CAROLINE REED, the following desirable articles of merchandize—

35 cases grain and wax leather long-legged boots,
20 bales Whitney duck,
25 bales Manchester and Augusta bro sheetings,
50 doz red and blue flannel overshirts,
30 " flannel and bro jean drawers,
25 " hickory shirts,
10 " white cotton shirts,
25 bales bro cotton drills,
9 bales blue blankets,
50 doz cotton and wool undershirts,
16 cases pearl, blue and black Cal hats,

Also, fresh and pickled oysters, clams, lobsters, scollops, pickles, lemon sugar, essences, extracts, cologne, clocks, and a large assortment of fancy goods and other merchandize, all of which will be sold at the lowest market rates. Apply to BECK, ELAM & CO.

d9 2w Jackson street, near Sansome.

## FOR SALE.

JUST RECEIVED, per ship Nisidia Stewart, from New York, scarlet twilled flannels, best India drills,

3 ply Brussels and tapestry carpetines,
White and colored blankets,
Flannel clothing, cloth clothing,
Paper hangings, boots and brogans, rice,
Gallego and Hanalt flour, corn meal,
Water crackers, hominy, sausages half bbls,
Pork in whole and half bbls,
Tongues in hal bbls, smoked beef in bbls
Ham, bacon and shoulders in boxes,
Pickled hams in tierces, lard, cheese,
Butter in kegs of 15 lbs, oysters,
Scollops, clams, mess shad in half bbls,
Mess mackerel in half and quarter bbls,
Herrings, Molasses in kegs,
Loaf sugar half boxes, crushed do half bbls,
Candies assorted, currants in half bbls,
Lime juice, sardines, pecan nuts, raisins,
Adamantine candles, sperm do, cigars,
Tobacco, pickles, vinegar, brandy,
Dublin porter, East India pale Ale,
Champagne cider, Philadelphia stout and ale,
Madeira, sherry and port wine,
Champagne, tumblers, brooms,
Furniture, matches, sole leather:
Tin plate sheathing, nails, linseed oil,
Manilla rope, &c., white lead, pepper,
Rio coffee, London mustard, cassia,
Tabl salt, bay do, sweet chocolate.

GILMOR MEREDITH,
n25tf cor. Sacramento and Leidesdorf sts.

## ENDICOTT, GREENE & OAKES.

OFFER FOR SALE at their warehouse, on First street, near Market, on the Beach, the following goods, at low prices,

12,000 lbs Rio coffee
2500 lbs Java do
2000 lbs loaf sugar
1500 lbs crushed sugar
25 boxes candles
200 galls lime juice
500 lbs butter
10 cases brandy cherries
20 bbls mess pork
25 boxes pickles assorted
3000 lbs dried apples
600 lbs rice
10 half bbls mackerel
5 doz buckskins
16 pair small gold scales
15 cases essences
23 do perfumery.
10 do dysentery cordial
2 do Townsend's sarsaparilla
2 do lemon syrup
30 do Empire cooking stoves, with all furniture
1500 lbs saleratus
3000 rolls paper hangings d3 tf

## DESIRABLE GOODS.

CHAIRS, tables, bureaus, writing desks, bedsteads, cots, couches, stools, feather beds, mattrasses, clothing, tubs, pails, brooms, looking glasses, stoves, wall paper, seives, wood, pit, cross-cut, hand, pruning and key-hole saws, boots, shoes, leading hose, saleratus and soda in small packages, fruit cake in tins, window sashes, &c., for sale by S. NEWMAN,
d5 tf Washington st. below Montgomery.

## TO MINERS.

THERE will be established on a lot of land, situated corner K and 9th streets, whereon is now situated a building, called the Miners' Home, a MINERS' HOSPITAL, under the care of the first physicians of the country. Terms—board and attendance per week, six dollars; destitute, gratis. For further particulars apply to

d7tf JOHN C. BULL, Columbia Hotel.

## BOAT FOUND.

PICKED UP, on the night of 25th Nov., one flat bottom boat, about 19 feet long, with a centre board, painted lead color. The owner can have the same by proving property and paying charges, on application to Brig. Geo. F. Williams, off India Buildings. n29 tf

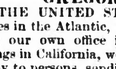
## PURE LAMP OIL.

A SUPERIOR ARTCLE, being perfectly limpid, and well adapted for burning in solar lamps, in saloons, &c, for sale in lots to suit purchasers, by

d6tf JNO. T. LITTLE & POPE

# STEAMERS.

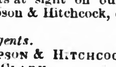
## FOR MARYSVILLE.



THE FINE FAST Steamer JENNY LIND, Capt. P. E. LEFEVRE, will leave Central Wharf this day, at 12 o'clock, M., for Marysville, touching at Sacramento City. For freight or passage, apply on board, or to

d16 1 FRED'K P. GREEN, foot of Clay street.

## PEOPLE'S LINE FOR SACRAMENTO CITY.



EVERY AFTERNOON, from Cunningham's Wharf, at 4 o'clock, P. M., the well known fast sailing steamers NEW WORLD and SENATOR, will leave as follows:

NEW WORLD, Capt. HUTCHINS, every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY; returning from Sacramento city, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 2 P. M.

SENATOR, Capt. JOHN VAN PELT, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY; returning from Sacramento city, every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY at 2 P. M.

Freight or passengers taken at the lowest rates. Tickets can be had, and all information can be obtained by applying to the Clerk's on board, or to

CHARLES MINTURN, Agent,
On Cunningham's Wharf.

N. B. All persons are hereby notified that Messrs. HAWLEY & Co., are the only authorized Express on these boats, and all packages of value or gold dust left with the Clerks, are at the risk of the parties leaving them, or of the parties to whom they belong. And any persons sending letters or other Express matter, they will be charged $50 per package. n18

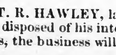
## FOR SANTA CLARA AND SAN JOSE.

THE NEW STEAMER NEW STAR, Capt. E. SAMPSON, Jr., will leave Commercial wharf on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS, for the above places, stopping at ALVISO, where stages will be in readiness to convey passengers to the above places immediately on the arrival of the boat.

This steamer will commence on Friday next, leaving regularly at 9 o'clock, A. M. For freight or passage apply on board till further notice.

N. B. A regular package express for San Jose will accompany this line, and all business submitted to their charge will receive prompt attention. n19 tf

## FOR SACRAMENTO CITY.



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FREDERICK P. GREEN, Agent,
n9 Sansome street, between Jackson and Washington.

# TO LET, LEASE & FOR SALE.

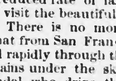
## FOR SALE.

ONE-HALF of fifty vara lot No. 419, situated corner of Montgomery and Union streets, with a good two-story house on the premises. As the owner is about to leave the city, the above property will be sold cheap.

Four 50 vara lots for sale, situated near North Bay.

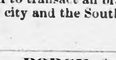
Also, several houses and lots for sale, in different parts of the city. Apply to H. O'DONNELL,
Real Estate Broker, Pacific street, opposite the Court House. d11 6

## TO RENT.



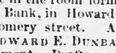
THE NEW WAREHOUSE or STORE just erected on Battery street, near Pine, 20 feet by 50, built in the most substantial manner, and suitable for a wholesale or large retail business. Apply to

d11 tf WINTER & LATIMER,
Next door, or to ENDICOTT, GREENE & OAKES.
First street, near Market.



FOR RENT, AT CONVENIENT TERMS, the 3 story Brick and Iron Warehouse, 40 by 60 feet, on Montgomery street, next to the Custom House, hitherto occupied by Messrs. J. B. Cannon & Co., either the whole or the different stories to suit parties.

It being desirable to let the whole building under a lease for six or eight months, the terms will be reduced accordingly. Apply to S. I. GOWER & CO', or EDWARD VISCHER, near the premises. nov 18 tf



FOR RENT.—The second story of the large Iron Warehouse on Sansome street, near Jackson. The location is one of the best in the city for business, and has facilities in the rear for direct communication with lighters.

GRAYSON, GUILD & LIGHTNER,
d3 on the premises.

## CHEAP PLEASURE EXCURSION.

THE UNITED STATES MAIL Line of Stages will, on and after this date leave the EMPIRE HOUSE, San Francisco, daily, (Sundays NOT excepted,) at 8 o'clock, A. M., for SAN JOSE. And from the Mansion House, San Jose, daily, at 7 o'clock, A. M., for San Francisco.

This line is furnished with the best stages and horses the country can produce, and carries passengers through the whole distance—60 miles, in about SIX hours.

The Proprietors have reduced the rates of fare so as to enable all who desire a trip over one of the most beautiful roads in the world, to do so at a very small expense, and hope thereby to receive such patronage as the enterprise merits. The climate of San Jose being one of the most healthy in the country, is highly recommended to invalids exclusive of the pleasure of the Excursion.

For further particulars inquire at the offices.

d2 ACKLEY & MAURISON.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THE SUBSCRIBER has established a a general COMMERCIAL REGISTER OFFICE, in the lower room of Howard & Green's fireproof Building, Montgomery st. between Clay and Commercial streets, where a description is given of the position and distinguishing marks of every sea-going vessel arriving in the Harbor after this date.

Persons wishing to board ships, with whose berths they are unacquainted, will save time and money by applying at the office, and gaining the desired information.

A News Agent has been appointed by the undersigned, who will intercept all vessels entering the port, and he will immediately express full particulars respecting them to this office, where a Record is kept of all arrivals and departures.

A Confidential Messenger will be constantly in attendance at the office, who will undertake the prompt forwarding of letters to and from all vessels in the harbor, and the execution of commissions, with fidelity and dispatch.

Charge for perusal of the Book containing a List of Arrivals and other general information, 25 cts; Fee for inspection of the Book specifying the Berth of the Shipping, 50 cts. [44] THOMAS BUNTING.

## BOOK STORE.

WILSON & SPALDING, Stationers' Hall, Portsmouth Square, San Francisco, and also at their Branch Establishment on Front st., Sacramento City, offer for sale,

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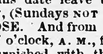

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## AN ACT to Establish Pilots, and Pilot regulations for the Port of San Francisco.

*The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

§1. It shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint two resident Merchants, and two experienced and resident Ship Masters, who, together with the Harbor Master of the Port, shall constitute a Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Port of San Francisco.

§2. The persons thus appointed shall take an oath for the faithful discharge of their duties, and shall hold their office for the term of one year, and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

§3. The Commissioners shall keep an office at San Francisco, and shall meet therein on the first Monday of each month. A majority shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

§4 They shall appoint a Secretary, who shall hold his office for one year. He shall give bond, with security, to be approved by the Commissioners, payable to the State of California, in the sum of ten thousand dollars; conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duty, which bond shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk, and be for the use of the party aggrieved.

§5. The Commissioners shall make By-Laws and Rules for their own government, not inconsistent with the provisions of the laws of this State or the United States.

§6. The Commissioners shall have power to purchase an iron safe for the keeping of money, papers, books, or other things of value belonging to their office.

§7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep correct minutes of all the proceedings of the Commissioners, in books provided for that purpose. To receive all money, and pay out the same when ordered so to do by the Board, and shall register the names of all Pilots, with the date of their licenses. These registers and books shall always be open to public inspection.

§8. He shall keep a monthly record of the arrival and departure of the pilot boats, names and residences of all pilots, and to perform such other duties as the Board may direct.

§9. The Secretary shall receive for his compensation, such sum as the Commissioners may deem just.

§10. Neither the Commissioners or the Secretary shall have any interest, directly or otherwise, in any pilot boat, or the earnings thereof.

§11. The Commissioners shall have power to appoint, in the manner prescribed in this Act, such number of pilots for said port as they may deem necessary.

§12. Persons applying for licenses to act as pilots for the port of San Francisco, shall be American citizens, and not under the age of twenty-one years, and in presence of one or more licensed pilots shall be rigidly examined by the Commissioners, touching their qualifications, concerning their knowledge of the management of square-rigged vessels, of the tides, soundings, bearings and distances of the different shoals, rocks, bars, and points of land, and night lights of the Harbor and Bay; and if deemed to be qualified, shall receive a license as a pilot, which shall expire at the end of twelve months.

§13. Every licensed pilot, previous to entering on his duties, shall give bond to the amount of five thousand dollars, payable to the State of California, for the faithful discharge of his duty, which bond and security shall be approved of by the Commissioners, and shall be filed in their office.

§14. The Commissioners shall have full power to suspend pilots, or revoke their licenses, on proof of incapacity or misconduct.

§15. As soon as a sufficient number of pilots are associated to keep a boat, such boat shall be numbered by the Commissioners, in the order of application, and her name and number duly recorded by the Secretary, and such number shall be distinctly painted in black letters, to be at least two feet long, and above the balance reef of the foresail of such boat; the pilots shall then select one from their number, whose duty it shall be to make reports to the Commissioners.

§16. On the first Monday of every month, the person so selected shall pay over to the Secretary the amount of per centage assessed by the Commissioners for the purpose defined in this Act, and report the names of the vessels, and the amount received from each, verified by his signature.

§17. Every pilot, on boarding a vessel, when required by the master thereof, shall exhibit his license to such master, and on refusal so to do, shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars.

§18. Any pilot absenting himself from his duty for more than two months, except on leave granted by the Commissioners, or by sickness, shall be considered as having forfeited his license.

§19. In case a pilot does not apply at the end of the time for which his license was granted, for a renewal of the same, he shall be considered as suspended.

§20. If any licensed pilot shall become intoxicated whilst having charge of any vessel as pilot, he shall be suspended or dismissed, as the Commissioners may elect.

§21. Not more than six pilots shall be in copartnership, or interested at any one time in the business of piloting, and for any infringement of this section, shall be subject to such penalty as may be determined by the Commissioners.

§22. The Commissioners may require pilots to renew their bonds and securities whenever it is deemed necessary and they may take away the license of any pilot for wilful infringement or violation of their duty, or negligently losing any vessel, or for mental derangement, or habitual drunkenness: *Provided*, due notice in writing be given to such pilot, and an opportunity be afforded him of being heard in his own defense.

§23. For carelessly or negligently losing a vessel, on conviction thereof, the pilot having charge of said vessel at the time, shall be incapable ever after of acting as pilot, and shall moreover be liable for damages on his bond. If a vessel be run ashore by a pilot, no pilotage shall be charged, and if negligently done, the pilot shall be liable for all damages.

§24. It shall be the duty of every pilot in charge of a vessel arriving in the harbor, to have the vessel safely moored, in such position as the master of the vessel, or Harbor Master of the port may direct.

§25. When complaint is lodged with the Commissioners against a pilot, for misbehavior or neglect of duty, it shall be reduced to writing and sworn to. Notice thereof must be then given to the pilot, and he shall be notified to appear within fifteen days to answer the complaint. If the answer be not satisfactory, he may be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or deprived of his license, at the discretion of the Commissioners. An appeal may be made by the pilot within fifteen days from the decision of the Commissioners, to the County Court of the County of San Francisco.

§26. Each and every pilot boat shall keep on board a journal, noting in detail all incidents of weather, and all discoveries which may be made of rocks, shoals or bars, in the Bay of San Francisco and vicinity, such as may be considered dangerous to navigation. False entries therein, shall subject the parties offending to fine or loss of license, or both, at the discretion of the Commissioners. And the said journals shall be open to the inspection of the Commissioners.

§27. No persons, except those licensed by the Commissioners, shall pilot vessels in or out of the harbor or bay of San Francisco, for hire, under penalty of five hundred dollars for each and every offence. This penalty is not incurred when the master of a vessel acts as his own pilot, or in case of distress.

§28. Applications for pilots for vessels outward bound, shall be made at the office of the Commissioners; the secretary shall then direct a pilot to such duty, giving preference to the pilot who brought the vessel in; and a pilot refusing or neglecting, shall be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars, or suspended, according to the discretion of the Commissioners.

§29 The Commissioners may make all needful rules and regulations for the government of the pilots, and establish penalties for the breach thereof, and shall prepare printed instructions for pilots, and furnish each of them with a copy of such rules, regulations and instructions, together with a copy of this Act.

§31. The following fees shall be charged by the pilots of the Port of San Francisco:

1st, For bringing in a vessel from or within a line of San Pedro, Farallones and Point de Los Reys, into the harbor, shall be eight dollars per foot draught.

2d, For brining in a vessel beyond the above mentioned line, ten dollars per foot draught.

3d, For piloting a vessel out of the harbor, eight dollars per foot draught.

4th, Foreign vessels not entitled to equality by treaty, shall pay one-fourth more than the above rates.

5th, American or foreign men-of-war, twelve dollars per foot draught, either inward or outward bound.

§32. The pilotage from quarantine to anchorage opposite San Francisco, and for piloting vessels about the harbor, shall be at such rates as may be agreed on between the parties.

§33. Any vessel with a pilot on board, being detained more than twenty-four hours by contrary winds, bad weather or other cause not the fault of the pilot, shall pay to such pilot the sum of eight dollars per day, exclusive of his regular fees, for each day's detention, whether such vessel be inward or outward bound.

§34. The pilot first offering his services to any vessel shall be entitled to half pilotage, though his services may be rejected: Provided, that all vessels engaged in the coasting trade of this State or Oregon, not exceeding one hundred and seventy-five tons burthen, shall not be liable to the provisions of this section.

§35. Pilots blown off or carried to sea against their will when a boat is in attendance to receive them, shall be entitled to receive the sum of eight dollars per day while absent, which if not paid by the master or owners, shall be collected from the consignee or consignees, or either of them.

§36. The masters, owner, or consignee of any vessel to whom any pilot may have rendered upon request of either of them, any extra service for the preservation of such vessel while in distress, shall pay such pilot in addition to his regular fees, such amount as the Commissioners shall determine to be a reasonable and just reward: Provided no special agreement shall have been made between such master, owner, or consignee of such vessel and the pilot.

§37. A pilot boarding any vessel having a signal for a pilot, shall be entitled to receive full pilotage.

§38. If a vessel bound to San Francisco be lost within the line of Point San Pedro, Farallones, and de Los Reys, having had a signal for a pilot, and been in sight of either of the above named points, and not having been able to procure a pilot, the Commissioners shall cause inquiry into the facts, when if it shall appear that the pilots have been neglecting their duty, the Commissioners shall suspend or displace the parties guilty, and shall publish the result of their investigation.

§39. The Commissioners shall have power to assess all fines and penalties either on the pilots or any other person or persons for a violation of any of the provisions of this Act, and shall have power to sue for and collect the same in their own name; the money so collected shall be appropriated to the use and benefit of the Marine Hospital, which may be established at San Francisco, and paid to such person as may be entitled by law to receive the same.

§40. The Commissioners shall be entitled to charge for each and every license to a pilot, not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars, and any master of a coasting vessel being an American citizen, can upon application to the pilot Commissioners obtain a special license for the use of such vessel only; by paying unto said Commissioners for the same, at the rate of one dollar per ton, all such vessels to be under one hundred and seventy-five tons.

§41. The Commissioners shall be entitled to receive a per centage, which they shall determine, upon the joint earnings of the pilots, sufficient only to pay all necessary expenses for the employment of Secretary, rent office, stationery, lights and fuel, at the end of twelve months, any surplus of such percentage over and above such expenses shall be held in trust and paid as prescribed in section thirty-nine of this Act.

§42. All claims against said Commissioners shall be considered at a stated meeting, and if correct, shall be allowed and paid.

§43. At the expiration of every six months the Secretary shall cause to be published in a newspaper published in San Francisco, a full account of all receipts and expenditures for the said time.

§44. When cruising off or standing out to sea, pilots shall go to the vessel nearest shore, or in the most distress, under a penalty of one hundred dollars, and for refusing to go on board a vessel when required, a like penalty of one hundred dollars shall be imposed, and in either case, upon complaint and conviction, the pilot may be suspended or expelled at the discretion of the Commissioners.

§45. Pilots shall at all times keep a boat in good condition, and sea worthy, and of sufficient capacity to cruise seaward beyond the headlands of the Harbor, also, such boarding or row boats as shall be necessary.

§46. If any pilots in endeavoring to assist or relieve any vessel in distress, shall suffer loss or damage in his boats, sails, tackle, rigging, or appurtenances, the master, owner, or consignee of such vessel, shall pay the value of such loss or damage, to be assessed by the Commissioners.

§47. Pilots heretofore appointed, or who may hereafter be appointed, shall conform to and be governed by the provisions of this act, and such quarantine laws as may hereafter be enacted.

§48. The act entitled "An act in relation to the appointment of Pilots for the different ports and harbors of California," approved January the eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, so far as relates to the Port of San Francisco, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

JOHN BIGLER,
Speaker of the Assembly.
JOHN McDOUGAL,
Lieut. Gov. and President of the Senate.

Approved, February 25, 1850.

PETER H. BURNETT.

## AN ACT regulating the Quarantine of Vessels at the Port and Harbor of San Francisco.

*The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows.*

§1. The quarantine anchorage shall be designated by buoys to be fixed under the direction of the Health Officer, and shall be as near as possible to the Marine Hospital; and every vessel subject to quarantine shall anchor within them.

§2. Every vessel in this act directed to be subject to quarantine, shall immediately on her arrival, proceed to and be anchored at the place there assigned for quarantine, and shall remain there with her officers, passengers and crew, during her quarantine, subject to the examination the Health Officer or Board of Health shall lawfully impose.

§3. All vessels arriving in the bay of San Francisco, from sea, are declared to be subject to such quarantine regulations as are prescribed in this act.

§4. All vessels subject to a regular quarantine shall, if navigated by steam, be subject only to such length of quarantine and other regulations as a majority of the Board of Health shall enjoin.

§5. The quarantine of other vessels shall be limited by the discretion of the Health Officer; but unless under special circumstances and with the sanction of the Board of Health, it shall not exceed the time requisite for a due examination of the vessel and cargo, and a compliance with the regulations of this act.

§6. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer to board every vessel immediately on her arrival, and make strict search and inquiry into the health of the crew and passengers, and into the state and condition of the vessel and cargo; and in the discharge of this duty, he may put all such questions to the persons on board as he shall judge necessary and proper to enable him to ascertain the condition of the vessel, and the quarantine to which she ought to be subjected; and the persons to whom such questions shall be put, shall, if required, answer the same under oath, which the Health Officer is hereby authorized to administer; and the Health Officer shall make a daily report to the Board of Health respecting every vessel that he shall visit, and containing all such information as may enable the Board of Health to determine what measures in respect to such vessel ought to be adopted.

§7. When the regular period of quarantine has expired if the Health Officer judge the vessel and cargo free from infection, he or the Board of Health shall relieve the vessel from quarantine.

§8. Every vessel subject to quarantine must be designated by a quarantine flag, to be fixed in a conspicuous part of the main shrouds of the vessel, until the expiration of her quarantine.

§9. No lighter shall be employed to load or unload vessels at quarantine, but by the permission of the Health Officer, when they shall be subject to such restrictions as he may impose.

§10. No vessel subject to quarantine shall remove from the quarantine grounds without a written permit from the Health Officer.

§11. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to provide a building, at a safe distance from the hospital buildings, on the hospital grounds, for all passengers of a vessel or vessels placed under quarantine, who are not diseased, who may choose to go on shore; and those who are unable to maintain themselves shall be provided for by the master, owner or consignee of the vessel, unless in cases where a special agreement to provide for themselves during the voyage has been entered into, in which case they shall be provided for by the Board.

§12. The cost of erecting such buildings shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, and the weekly charge for pay patients shall not exceed twenty dollars per week; the accommodations shall be of good quality, and such as are usually provided for at boarding houses.

§13. Every master of a vessel subject to quarantine shall proceed with and anchor his vessel at the place assigned for quarantine at the time of his arrival; he shall submit his vessel, cargo and passengers to the examination of the Health Officer, and furnish all necessary information to enable that officer to determine to what length of quarantine and other regulations they ought respectively to be subjected.

§14. Every master of a vessel hailed by a pilot, who shall either give false information to such pilot relative to the condition of his vessel, crew, passengers, or cargo, or refuse to give such information as shall be lawfully required, or land any person from his vessel, or unload or tranship any portion of his cargo before his vessel shall have been visited or examined by the Health Officer; or shall approach with his vessel nearer than the place of quarantine to which he shall be directed, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for each offence shall be fined in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars; and every person who shall land from any such vessel, or unload or tranship any portion of his lading under the like circumstances, shall be considered guilty of a like offence, and be subject to the like penalty.

§15. Every person who shall willingly or knowingly oppose or obstruct the Health Officers or pilots in performing the duties required of them in this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; the fine for each offence not to exceed one thousand dollars, nor the imprisonment three months.

§16. Every person who shall go on board of, or have communication or intercourse with any vessel at quarantine without the permission of the Health Officer, shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by fine and imprisonment; and such offender shall also be detained at quarantine so long as the Board of Health shall direct, not to exceed twenty days, unless he shall be taken sick of some pestilential or infectious disease.

§17. Whenever the Board of Health, or either of them, shall charge in writing, any pilot with any violation or neglect of duty, the Pilot Commissioners shall suspend such pilot from his office until he shall have entered into a recognizance before some magistrate of the State of California in the sum of five hundred dollars, with sufficient sureties, to appear and answer to the offence charged, at the next term of the District Court of San Francisco.

§18. It shall be the duty of each pilot belonging to the port, to use his utmost endeavors to hail each and every vessel which he shall discover to be entering the Bay of San Francisco from sea, and to demand of the master of every such vessel, whether any person has within ten days died or been sick with a malignant or contagious disease on board.

§19. If either of the above questions shall be answered in the affirmative, the pilot shall immediately give notice to the master of the vessel, that he, his vessel, crew, passengers and cargo, are subject to the examination of the Health Officer, and shall direct him to proceed and anchor his vessel at the quarantine anchorage, there to await the future directions of the Health Officer.

§20. It shall be the duty of every pilot who shall conduct into port a vessel subject to quarantine: 1st. To bring such vessel to anchorage within the buoys marking the quarantine anchorage. 2d. To prevent any vessel or boat from coming alongside of the vessel under his charge, and to prevent any thing on board from being thrown into any other vessel or boat. 3d. To present to the masters of the vessels a printed copy of this Act, when such copy shall have been delivered to him for that purpose. 4th. To take care that no violation of this Act be committed by any person on board; and to report such as may be committed as soon as may be to the Health Officer.

§21. Any vessel arriving at the port of San Francisco that has no malignant or contagious disease on board, shall not be subject to quarantine.

§22. The master, owner, or consignee of every vessel subject to regular quarantine of thirty days, shall forthwith upon the requisition and under the direction of the Health Officer, cause such vessel, her cargo and clothing to be purified; and shall cause said vessel to be fumigated with mineral acid gas, when required by the Health Officer.

§23. And when the regular period of quarantine shall have expired, if the Health Officer shall judge the vessel clean and free from infection, he shall release the vessel from quarantine, and report the same to the Board of Health, but none of the officers, passengers or crew of any such vessels shall leave the quarantine ground until ten days after the last case of pestilential or infectious fever shall have occurred on board.

§24. The Health Officer, if he shall judge it necessary to prevent infection or contagion, may cause, upon the order of the Board of Health, any bedding or clothing on board a vessel subject to quarantine, or any portion of her cargo that he may deem infected, to be destroyed.

§25. The Health Officer, upon the application of the master of any vessel under quarantine, and his consenting to pay for the maintenance of the offender whilst in custody, may direct to be confined in some suitable place on shore, any sailor or mariner on board of such vessel, who shall have committed an offence punishable by the laws of this State, or of the United States, and who cannot be properly secured for punishment on board of his vessel; such confinement shall continue during the residue of the quarantine of the offender; and the expenses of maintaining the offender shall be charged and paid in the same manner as the expenses of maintaining poor passengers.

§26. Every master of a vessel subject to quarantine, arriving within the bay of San Francisco, from sea, who shall refuse or neglect either: 1st. To proceed with and anchor his vessel at the place assigned for quarantine at the time of his arrival. 2d, To submit his vessel, cargo and passengers to the examination of the Health Officers, and to furnish all necessary information to enable that officer to determine at what length of quarantine and other regulations they ought respectively to be subject. 3d, To remain with his vessel at quarantine during the period assigned for her quarantine, and whilst at quarantine to comply with the directions and regulations of this act, and with such as any of the Officers of Health, by virtue of the authority given to them by this act, shall prescribe in relation to his vessel, his cargo, himself, or his crew, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment; the fine for each offence not to exceed one thousand dollars, nor the imprisonment twelve months.

§27. Every person who, without the authority of the Health Officer or Board of Health, shall wilfully go within the inclosure of the quarantine grounds shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, the fine for each offence not to exceed five hundred dollars, nor the imprisonment thirty days.

§28. Every person who shall go on board of, or have any communication, intercourse, or dealings with any vessel at quarantine, knowing the vessel to be in quarantine, without the permission of the Health Officer, shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars.

§29. Such offender shall also be detained at quarantine so long as the Board of Health shall direct, not exceeding ten days, unless he shall be taken sick of some pestilential or infectious disease.

§30. It shall be the duty of the Health Officer to give immediate information to the Board of Health, of every such transgression, the circumstances attending it, and the condition of the vessel with which a communication shall have been had; and the Board may determine how long the offender ought to be detained at quarantine.

§31. Every person under quarantine shall be subject to the penalty of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, who shall elope from or wilfully go beyond the bounds assigned to him for his quarantine, and it shall be the duty of every Justice of the Peace, or other magistrates, before whom any such offender shall be brought, to order him by warrant to be re-conveyed to the quarantine ground, there to remain the residue of his term of quarantine. All fines or penalties collected under the provisions of this act, shall be appropriated to the funds of the Marine Hospital.

§32. Every person who shall violate, refuse or neglect to obey or comply with any order, prohibition, or regulation, made by the Board of Health, in the exercise of the powers herein conferred, shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine at the discretion of the court by which the offender shall be tried.

JOHN BIGLER,
Speaker of the Assembly.
JOHN McDOUGAL,
Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, April 9, 1850.

PETER H. BURNETT.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
SAN JOSE, April 12th, 1850.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original act now on file in this office.

W. VAN VOORHIES.

## AN ACT providing for the creation of a Marine Hospital for the State of California:

*The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

§1. There shall be established within and for the State of California, a Marine Hospital, and all buildings belonging to, or connected therewith, shall be erected upon grounds containing not less than twenty acres, and which at the time of such erection, shall belong to the State and shall be situated upon the bay of San Francisco, and not less than two nor more than twelve miles distant from that part of the town of San Francisco, known as "Clark's Point."

§2. The said Marine Hospital, together with its lands and all buildings and improvements which may be made thereon, shall be held by the Board of Health, in trust, for the people of this State, for the purposes specified in this Act. And said Board of Health shall have power, and are hereby required to purchase said lands, and erect for the said Marine Hospital proper and necessary buildings and improvements, as soon as funds sufficient for such purpose, over and above salaries and other incidental expenses, shall be received by them in their official capacity; Provided, however, that the whole cost of the said grounds, hospital and other buildings and improvements so to be erected, shall not exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and until such time as the said grounds shall be obtained, and the necessary buildings erected thereon and ready for the use of the said Marine Hospital, the said Board of Health shall be authorised to make suitable temporary arrangements for the same, within the limits prescribed by the first section of this act.

§3. The Board of Health shall cause a draft of such building or buildings to be made as they may deem necessary for the Marine Hospital, which draft or plan shall be subject to the inspection of the Governor of the State, and if he approve the same, they may receive sealed proposals for the furnishing of the material, and for the erection of the same, and the contract shall be given to the lowest responsible bidder

§4. The sums necessary to keep the buildings of the Marine Hospital in good repair, including the expenses of erecting all such buildings, and for making such improvements as the Board of Health shall deem indispensable, shall be charged as part of its annual expenses.

§5. The Health Officer shall reside at the Marine Hospital, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Health, and shall by right of office be Physician of such Hospital, give orders for the admission of patients, and have the immediate control of its inmates, and shall employ and discharge all nurses and attendants; but the Board of Health shall, in all other respects, have the superintendence thereof; make rules and orders for its government, and provide bedding, clothing, fuel, provisions, medicine, and such other articles as shall be requisite therein, and shall pay out of the funds of the Hospital all wages for said nurses and attendants, as well as all incidental expenses of said Hospital, and shall fix the compensation of said nurses and attendants.

§6. The Board of Health shall, at all times, furnish a convenient boat, with sufficient boatmen, for the use of the Health Officer and Resident Physician, the expense of which shall be charged to the funds of the Hospital.

§7. All sick sailors, mariners and other persons who shall have paid hospital money, or for whom the bond hereinafter mentioned shall have been given, shall be entitled, free of charge, to all the benefits of the said Marine Hospital, and to be there provided for while sick; and also such other persons as the authorities of the city of San Francisco may request; provided, the said authorities shall pay therefor such charges as the Board of Health may direct; and every sick person sent to the Marine Hospital, shall be there kept and attended to with all necessary and proper care; and no such person shall leave the Hospital until the Health Officer shall grant a discharge in writing.

§8. The Health Officer may direct, in writing, any constable to pursue and apprehend any person not discharged as aforesaid, who shall elope from the Hospital, and to deliver such person at the Hospital, to be there detained until regularly discharged. It shall be the duty of the constable so directed to obey such instructions; and every person who shall so elope shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment.

§9. All persons sent to the Marine Hospital other than those who shall have paid hospital money, who shall be provided for by the city of San Francisco, and such persons as the Board of Health shall exempt, shall pay a reasonable sum for their board, medicines and attendance; and for the recovery of such sum, the Board of Health may sue in their name of office.

§10. Within twenty-four hours after the arriving of any ship or vessel at the port or within the bay of San Francisco, and before leaving said port or bay for any other place within the limits of this State, from any of the United States other than this State, or from any country out of the United States, the master or commander of such vessel or ship on which such passengers shall have arrived, shall make a report in writing, on oath or affirmation to the Board of Health at their office in the city of San Francisco, which report shall state the name and number of all the cabin and steerage passengers, captains, mates and sailors, and also the name and residence of the owner or owners and consignee of such vessel. In case any such master or commander shall omit or neglect to report fully as aforesaid, or shall make a false report or statement, he shall forfeit the sum of five hundred dollars for every such passenger or person in regard to whom any such omission or neglect shall have occurred, or any false statement shall have been made, for which the owner or owners, or consignees of every such vessel or ship shall also be liable jointly and severally, and which may be sued for and recovered as provided in this act.

§11. It shall be the duty of the said Board of Health to require the owners or consignees of the said ship or vessel on which said persons have arrived, to give a several bond to the State in a penalty of two hundred dollars for each and every person included in such report, such bond being secured as hereinafter provided, conditioned to indemnify and save harmless the Board of Health, and each and every city, town or county in this State, from any costs which such Commissioners of Health, or such city, town or county, shall incur for the relief or support of the person named in the bond, within five years from the date of the bond; and also to indemnify and refund to the said Board of Health, city, town or county, any expense or charge they may necessarily incur for the support or medical care of the person therein. Each and every bond shall be secured by two or more sufficient sureties, being residents of the State of California; each of whom shall prove by oath or otherwise, to the satisfaction of the Board of Health, that he is owner of freehold in this State of the value of three hundred dollars over and above any claim or lien thereon against him; including therein any contingent claim which may accrue from or upon any former bond given under the provisions of this act.

§12. It shall be lawful for any owner or consignee at any time within two days after the arrival of such person or passenger in any ship or vessel at the port or within the bay of San Francisco, and before leaving said port or bay for any other place within the limits of this State, to commute for the bond or bonds so required, by paying to the Health Commissioner: 1st. For the master and each cabin passenger arriving in an American vessel from a foreign port, three dollars; for each steerage passenger, mate, sailor or marine arriving in such vessel, two dollars. 2d. For the mate and each cabin passenger arriving in an American vessel from any port in the United States, not on the Pacific, two dollars; for each steerage passenger, mate, mate sailor or marine arriving in such vessel, one dollar. 3d. For the master and each passenger arriving in a coasting vessel sailing from any American port on the Pacific, one dollar and fifty cents; but no such coasting vessel shall pay for more than one voyage in each month, computing from the first voyage in each year. 4th. For the master and each cabin passenger arriving in a foreign vessel from a foreign port, five dollars; but the owners or consignees of such foreign vessels as have been placed by treaty with the United States on an equality with American vessels, shall be placed upon the same footing in regard to commutation as is herein established for American vessels. The Health Commissioners shall give to such owner or consignee as shall pay the commutation aforesaid, a receipt containing all the names of the persons for whom such commutation shall have been paid; and shall also give to each individual for whom such commutation shall have been paid, a certificate or receipt, setting forth the fact that such commutation has been paid, and that the person described therein shall be entitled when sick to the benefit of the Marine Hospital.

The receipt of the Health Commissioner shall be deemed a full and sufficient discharge from the requirements of giving bonds as above provided.

§13 Each master, owner, or consignee paying "Hospital Money" shall be entitled to demand and recover from each person for whom they shall have paid the sum paid on his account.

§14. All monies received by the Health Commissioner under and by virtue of this act, shall be denominated "State Hospital Moneys," and shall be appropriated to the use of the Marine Hospital, except as herein otherwise provided, deducting to the Health Commissioner a commission of six per cent. for and upon all collections: Provided the percentage shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars for any one quarter.

§15. No clergyman shall be denied admission to the Hospital, or its patients, whenever application shall be made, or whenever such visit shall be desired by any patient therein. It shall also be the duty of the officers to provide clergymen with a boat for the purpose of performing such visits.

§16. The Board of Health shall keep an account of all unreclaimed effects of persons who shall have died at the Hospital, and shall, in their quarterly reports, report the same to the Comptroller; and if the same shall consist of money, they shall pay the same over to the Treasurer, to be considered a part of the State Hospital Fund, unless claimed by some person entitled thereto; and all other property of said deceased persons shall, after being unreclaimed for a reasonable time, be sold by the Commissioner of Health, and the proceeds disposed of in like manner.

§17. It shall be the duty of the Board of Health to furnish to the Governor of this State, as often as he may require, a full and correct report of all persons in the said hospital affected with any contagious or infectious disease, and of all such patients as may die or be discharged as cured. And the Board of Health shall, once in each year, publish a full and correct report of the number of persons received in said hospital for each month in the year, and of their disease; also, of the number discharged as cured, and of the deaths occurring therein, and from what cause; also, of all moneys received and expended, and for what purpose the same were so expended; and shall send a copy of such annual report to the Executive of State, on or before the fifteenth day of December, of each year; and the said Board of Health shall keep or cause to be kept books containing a full and correct record and account of all the affairs of the said Marine Hospital, and which shall at all times be open to inspection to any committee appointed for such purpose by the Legislature. For the expenses attendant thereon, as well as for all other expenses necessarily incurred by virtue of this act, the Board of Health shall have the right to draw upon the funds of the hospital.

§18. The Board of Health shall keep an office in the city of San Francisco, and be authorized to pay therefor out of the funds of the Marine Hospital, on annual rent not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars, and shall keep the same open for the transaction of business between the hours of ten o'clock, A. M., and three o'clock, P. M., daily; and at said office there shall be kept an iron fire-proof chest, in which all moneys received by the Health Commissioner under this Act, shall be securely kept, and the said Health Commissioner shall once in each week make a full and complete report to the Board of Health of all moneys received or expended by him for and on account of the said Hospital; and shall at the same time pay over to the Board of Health the balance remaining in his hands. It shall be the duty of the Health Commissioner to pay to the Health Officer of any State or City Hospital, for any person who may have been under their care entitled to the benefits of the Marine Hospital, at the same rate per week as is charged for pay patients in said Marine Hospital; but no moneys of or belonging to the said Marine Hospital shall be paid out, except by said Health Commissioner, and the account for which the same is paid out shall be first approved by a majority of the Board of Health.

§19. The Board of Health shall account quarterly to the Comptroller, under oath, for all moneys received and expended for and on account of the Marine Hospital; and if the moneys so received shall exceed the sum necessary to defray the expenses of their trust, including the fees or salaries to which they may be entitled, they shall pay over such surplus, quarterly, to the treasurer of the State, to be by him kept as a State Hospital Fund; and the said Board of Health by that name are hereby empowered to sue for and recover any moneys that may be due the Marine Hospital; and also all penalties and forfeitures provided in this act; and the same when recovered shall constitute a part of the fund of the Marine Hospital; and all moneys paid over by the said Board of Health to the Treasurer of this State as herein required, shall be accompanied by a statement, verified by the oath of one or more of said Board of Health, to the effect that they are the same particular moneys as shall have been received by them.

JOHN BIGLER,
Speaker of the Assembly.
JOHN McDOUGAL,
Lieut. Governor and Pres't of the Senate.

Approved, April 9, 1850.

PETER H. BURNETT.

## AN ACT Creating Officers of Health for the Port of San Francisco, and Defining their Duties.

*The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

§1. There shall be established at the port of San Francisco a Board of Commissioners, entitled the "Board of Health;" said Board of Health shall be composed of the Mayor of the city of San Francisco, a Health Officer, Resident Physician, and Health Commissioner, who shall perform such duties as may be prescribed in this and all other acts relating to the public health, and of which Board of Health the Mayor shall by right of office be President.

§2. No person shall be eligible to the post of Health Officer, Resident Physician, or Health Commissioner, until he shall prove to the satisfaction of the Legislature that he is a graduate of some regular medical institution, and has had an experience of at least three years in the practice of his profession.

§3. The Health Officer, Resident Physician, and Health Commissioner, shall be elected by a joint vote of the Legislature for the term of two years, or until their successors are qualified. Should the offices, from any cause become vacant before the expiration of the term aforesaid, the Governor shall have power to appoint a competent person or persons, who shall serve during the unexpired time.

§4. The Health Officer shall perform such duties as are specified in this or any other act, and such other duties as the Board of Health shall lawfully require.

§5. The Health Officer shall have power to appoint an Assistant, to be first approved by the Board of Health, for whose acts he shall be responsible, and who may perform all the duties of the Health Officer.

§6. The Resident Physician shall reside at the Marine Hospital, and shall be the consulting physician of the Hospital; his further duties shall be to visit all sick seamen on board ships in the harbor, and also all sailors and other persons in the city who have paid hospital money, and come properly under the care of, and have been reported to the Board of Health. But all persons afflicted with any contagious or infectious disease shall, if it be deemed expedient by the Board of Health, and the life of such person will not be endangered thereby, be removed to the Marine Hospital.

§7. The Health Commissioner, under the direction of the Board of Health, shall assist the Resident Physician in the discharge of his official duties

§8. The Health Commissioner shall also receive all monies appropriated to the use of the Marine Hospital and shall pay all demands against the Hospital that shall be appropriated by a majority of the Board of Health; and before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, shall execute a bond in the penal sum of thirty thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his trust, and with such sureties as the Comptroller of State shall approve; the bond shall be given to the People of California, and be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

§9. In the discharge of their duties, the Resident Physician and Health Commissioner, shall meet daily in San Francisco at the office of the Board of Health, during such part of the year, and at such hours of the day as the Board shall designate.

§10. The Mayor of the city of San Francisco, the Resident Physician, and the Commissioners of Health, are hereby constituted a Board of Appeal from any direction or regulation of the Health Officer; with power to grant such and so much relief as may appear to the Board thus constituted, or a majority of them, expedient and proper.

§11. The Resident Physician shall receive annually a salary of ten thousand dollars, and such salary shall be paid out of the fund of the Marine Hospital. No person shall be eligible to the appointment of Assistant Health Officer who has not received a regular medical education, and had an experience of at least two years in the practice of his profession. The Assistant shall receive a salary of eight hundred dollars per month, to be paid monthly or quarterly by the Health Commissioner out of the funds of the Marine Hospital: Provided, the Board shall not employ an Assistant Health Officer, unless in case of absolute necessity, nor without the consent of the Chief Executive of the State.

§12. The Health Commissioner shall perform the duties of Secretary to the Board of Health, keep a correct journal of all their proceedings, which shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the Board of Health.

§13. The Health Officer shall be entitled to receive the following fees for visiting and examining vessels in the discharge of his offical duties, viz: 1st. For each vessel from a foreign port, twenty dollars. 2d. For each vessel from any United States port, not on the Pacific coast, if above one hundred tons, sixteen dollars; not exceeding one hundred tons, twelve dollars; if below one hundred tons, eight dollars. And all vessels running coastwise from any United States port on the Pacific, not within the State of California, visited by the Health Officer, shall, for each and every visit, pay the sum of six dollars; and such fees shall be paid by the respective masters of the vessels so visited and examined.

§14. Every master, owner, or consignee of a vessel lying at wharf, or in the harbor of the city of San Francisco, shall make a report of the name of every person on board such vessel who may be sick with any contagious or infectious disease; and no such person shall be removed therefrom without a written permit for that purpose, from the Board of Health.

§15. Every person or persons who shall be guilty of obstructing either of the Board of Health in the discharge of their duties as prescribed in this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined for each offence in a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

§16. Every master or owner or consignee who shall wilfully or knowingly refuse or neglect to perform the duties enjoined in this act, shall, for each offence, forfeit to the Board of Health the sum of one thousand dollars.

§17. Whenever any fine shall be imposed by the provisions of this act, the person or persons so convicted to pay such fine, shall in the discretion of the court, stand committed until such fine shall be paid, or the person or persons so offending shall be discharged from such imprisonment, by due couse of law.

§18. All fines collected under this act shall be appropriated to the funds of the Marine Hospital.

§19. The Health Officer, Resident Physician and Health Commissioner, upon wilful neglect or delinquency of duty, or for exercising powers not given to them, by this act, shall be liable in damages to any person or persons who may be injured thereby; and may be removed from office by the Governor of the State.

§20. The Legislature hereby reserves the right at any time to increase or diminish the tariff of fees and salaries assessed in this act.

JOHN BIGLER,
Speaker of the House of Assembly.
JOHN McDOUGAL,
Lieut. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, April 8, 1850.

PETER H. BURNETT.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
April 12th, 1850.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original act now on file in this office.

W. VAN VOORHIES,
Secretary of State.

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## AN ACT to provide for the Lien of Mechanics and Others.

*The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

§1. All Master Builders, Mechanics, Lumber Merchants, and all other persons performing labor, or furnishing materials for the construction or repair of any building or wharf, shall have a lien separately, or jointly, upon the building or buildings, or wharf, which they may have furnished materials of any description, to the extent of the labor done, or materials furnished, or for both.

§2. Any such contractor, journeyman, or laborer who may be employed in the construction or repairing of any building or wharf, or in furnishing any materials for the same, may give to the owner or owners of the building or buildings or wharf on which he may have worked, or for the construction of which he may have furnished materials, notice in writing, particularly setting forth the amount of his claim, and the service rendered, for which his employer is indebted to